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# FRENCH PREPARING TO ENTER THE RUHR.

## AEROPLANES OVER MANNHEIM.

## OCCUPATION PLANS IN THE MAKING.

## RHINELAND REMAINS CALM.

## PARIS EAGER FOR FUTURE OF THE ENTENTE.

**Following the failure of the Paris Conference on German reparations, France it is stated, is already preparing for the occupation of the Ruhr area.**

**With regard to the next British move, nothing definite can be stated until after the Cabinet meeting which will be held early in the week to consider the "friendly disagreement."**

**Briefly the causes of the impasse are:—**

**Germany says she is unable to pay £25,000,000 due on January 15.**

**France would seize guarantees;**

**Britain favours methods which would enable Germany to reorganise her finances.**

### VITAL DECISIONS.

#### BELGIUM'S PART NOT YET SETTLED.

The Reparations Conference began in Paris last Tuesday and broke up on Thursday evening.

Mr. Bonar Law and the delegates returned to London on Friday, and the Prime Minister will summon his Cabinet this week to consider future policy.

M. Poincare, too, will make a statement to the French Chamber and Senate, explaining why the Conference failed, and outlining the action to be taken by his Government.

France's first action will probably take place after January 15, by which date Germany should have handed over £25,000,000. If this is not paid, an ultimatum will be presented to Germany setting out the French right to take independent action

#### MILITARY ACTIVITY.

It is reported that France's military preparations are proceeding rapidly.

French aeroplanes (says a Central News cable from Berlin) are flying over occupied German territory, apparently preparatory to military action.

They have also crossed over unoccupied territory, the message adds, hovering especially over Mannheim.

The newspapers (says Reuter) state that the Ministry of War is maintaining an attitude of reserve on the question of what military action may be taken, as decision for such action rests with the Prime Minister.

It is declared, however, at the Ministry that the development of events has caused no surprise at General Headquarters, which was prepared for all eventualities.

#### BELGIANS LEAVE.

M. Theunis, the Belgian Premier, and M. Jasper, the Belgian Foreign Minister, left Paris for Brussels yesterday. The French Premier was at the railway station to see them off (Reuter proceeds), and they had a long conversation with him.

The negotiations between France and Belgium concerning the proposed occupation will be continued after M. Theunis has consulted his Cabinet.

According to the "Petit Journal" it is probable that the Belgian Headquarters Staff will immediately get into contact with the French authorities, in order to decide on common action.

#### RHINE AREA CLAIM.

A message from Mayence received in Paris and quoted by the Exchange states that the news of the break-up of the Conference has left the Rhineland population perfectly calm.

The only visible effect of the rupture has been a considerable increase in banking business and foreign bills of exchange.

#### U.S. TROOPS TO MOVE.

A Washington message to the Exchange states that a high Government official has stated that American troops will be ordered to withdraw from Germany the moment France begins the military occupation of the Ruhr as a protest against an action which the Government believes menaces the peace of Europe.

### "HONEST CONDUCT."

#### PARIS PRAISE FOR THE BRITISH PREMIER.

The cordiality which marked the disagreement of the Allies was emphasised when Mr. Bonar Law and the English delegates left Paris.

M. Poincare was at the station, and he and the British Premier walked up and down the platform chatting for fully a quarter of an hour.

They spoke together until the train left, and it could be seen by M. Poincare's cheerful smile and gestures that the conversation was of the most cordial nature.

Compliments are paid to Mr. Bonar Law in the French Press for his "free and honest line of conduct." The Entente, it is declared, will survive the present temporary disagreement.

Some significance is attached in well-informed circles in London to the fact that there has been no marked variation in the value of the franc since the breakdown of the Conference.

This is regarded as an indication that financiers are disinclined to believe that France will take the extreme action which has been threatened during the past 24 hours.

#### UNITY ESSENTIAL.

Despatches received yesterday from Lausanne show that the disagreement between Great Britain and France over Reparations has reacted in an unexpectedly favourable manner upon the Peace Conference.

"If the Allies cannot agree in Paris," said a high official, "they are evidently determined to show that there is the strongest unity upon all other questions, and that there will be no weakening in their attitude towards the Turks."

One well-informed diplomat declared that on both sides of the Channel it was agreed that a publicly expressed disagreement was preferable to a "camouflaged compromise," which would prove unworkable.

#### GERMANS TO BE HEARD.

SIR JOHN BRADBURY SCORES HIS POINT.

Sir John Bradbury was present at yesterday's meeting of the Reparations Commission in Paris, when a request was received from the Germans that one of their delegates should be permitted to make a statement before the Commission on the subject of coal deliveries.

M. Barthou declared that when the Commission were in Berlin they received explanations from the Germans on this matter, and he did not think the Commission required to hear any further statement.

Sir John Bradbury insisted that it was right and proper the Germans should be allowed to state their case if they so desired.

After further discussion, says the Central News, the German request was acceded to, but there was some difficulty in fixing upon a date. In the end Monday was agreed to.

#### RUHR COAL PRODUCTION.

The coal production of the Ruhr district for December last is estimated at 7,900,000 tons for a period of 23 working days, as against 8,000,000 tons produced in a corresponding period of 25 working days in 1921, says Reuter.

## EXECUTIONS ON TUESDAY.

### HOME SECRETARY'S DECISION.

### Reprieves Refused.

Home Office, Friday.

**The Secretary of State, after careful consideration of all the circumstances, is unable to advise interference with the due course of the law in the cases of Frederick Edward Francis Bywaters and Edith Jessie Thompson, who were convicted of the murder of Percy Thompson.**

"The People" understands that the executions will both take place at 9 a.m. on Tuesday next.

Bywaters will be hanged at Pentonville and Mrs. Thompson at Holloway.

It is stated that Ellis will be the executioner of Mrs. Thompson and Pierpoint or Willis of Bywaters.

MRS. EDITH THOMPSON. (Photo Topical.)

### THE DRAMA RE-TOLD.

Percy Thompson, a shipping clerk, employed in the City of London, was murdered shortly after midnight on Oct. 4 a few yards away from his house in Kensington-gardens, Ilford (Essex).

He was returning home with his wife after a visit with some friends to the Criterion Theatre

Mrs. Thompson was found by neighbours kneeling beside her husband's body, and it was at first thought that the man was suffering from a fit. It was subsequently found that he had been stabbed several times.

Mrs. Thompson was detained by the police on the spot. Bywaters' arrest followed two days later.

Both were found guilty of murder at the Old Bailey on Monday, Dec. 11 by a jury of 11 men and one woman, and were sentenced to death by Justice Shearman.

The trial lasted five days, a good deal of the time being occupied with the reading of the letters written by Mrs. Thompson to Bywaters.

There were over 60 of these letters containing fervid avowals of love for Bywaters curiously intermixed with references to poisoning.

#### "VULGAR AND COMMON."

At one stage in the trial, after certain remarks by counsel, Justice Shearman counselled the jury not to forget that they were trying a "vulgar and common crime," and not "listening to the story of a play."

Both appeals against the conviction and sentence were dismissed by the Court of Criminal Appeal. The Lord Chief Justice referred to the case as a "squalid and indecent one of lust and adultery."

"The husband," said Lord Hewart, "was murdered in a cowardly fashion, partly because he was in the way and partly because such money as he possessed was desired by the prisoners."

The dead man, he added, was the only person in the case who excited sympathy.

A notable feature of the agitation which arose around the condemned couple was the discussion as to whether or not the English law should still permit of the hanging of a woman. The last time a woman was executed in this country was 15 years ago.

The trial of Bywaters and Mrs. Thompson, however, produced such an accumulation of evidence betraying the callous indifference of the female prisoner to the fate of her husband that in this case, a considerable body of public opinion has veered round entirely and, although a petition for reprieve was signed by nearly a million people on behalf of Bywaters, no public step was taken on behalf of Mrs. Thompson.

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## £75,000 STOLEN BONDS RETURNED.

### TWO PACKAGES.

### SEQUEL TO MAIL BAG ROBBERY.

Seven last October, while in transit from the Banque Belge, Antwerp, to the Anglo-South American Bank, Old Broad-st., E.C., £75,000 worth of bonds have been returned through the post to the assessors, Messrs. J. Bell and Co., of Queen Victoria-st., as the result of the work of their private inquiry agents.

They were sent back in two packages. One was in an ordinary envelope, bearing the Leyton postmark, and contained bonds worth about £2,000, while the other, a parcel, posted and registered at Borough High-st., enclosed bonds to the amount of £73,000, together with over 60 dividend warrants and scrip. The assessors hold the latter, but do not know to whom they belong.

The bonds comprising the £75,000 were Rumanian securities. Scotland Yard holds £20,000 of Rumanian bonds, part of the proceeds of the same robbery. These they recovered as a result of a recent case in which the accused man was acquitted of theft of the securities, he having explained that he found them in a public place.

The robbery—believed to be the work of expert Continental thieves—was effected by means of the theft of a mail-bag, believed to have taken place somewhere between the landing-stage at Harwich and the arrival at Liverpool-st. Railway Station, as only 20 of the 21 bags despatched from Antwerp could be found.

The police have examined the envelopes and packing in which the stolen bonds were returned to Messrs. Bell and Co., but so far apparently they have yielded nothing tangible for them to work upon.

## PRINCE OF WALES.

### OFFICIAL DENIAL OF HIS ENGAGEMENT.

The following official statement was made at York House, St. James's Palace:

"A few days ago a daily newspaper announced the forthcoming engagement of the Prince of Wales to an Italian Princess.

"The same journal has stated, on what is claimed to be unquestionable authority, that the formal announcement of H.R.H.'s engagement to the daughter of a Scottish peer will be made within the next two or three months.

"The report is as devoid of foundation as was the previous very definite statement of H.R.H.'s engagement to a foreign princess."

## WOMEN WHO WERE HANGED.

### LAST JOINT EXECUTION.

Over 19 years have elapsed since a man and woman were hanged for the same murder. They were John Gallacher, a labourer, and Mrs. Emily Swan.

In some respects the crime resembled the Ward affair.

Gallacher lodged with the Swans, and Mrs. Swan took his part when he set upon the husband and killed him. The pair were hanged at Leeds on Dec. 29, 1903, despite a petition extensively signed on Mrs. Swan's behalf.

Mrs. Rhoda Willis (alias James), baby farmer and murderer, was the last woman to be hanged in Great Britain. She was executed at Cardiff in 1907.

Among other notable executions of women are the following:—

1873, Jan. 13, Edwin Bailey and Ann Barry (Colos.), for murder of child.
1879, Kate Webster, for murder of Mrs. Thomas, Wandsworth.
1886, Dec. 23, Mary A. Wheeler, for murder of Mrs. Hogg, Newgate.
1888, April 2, Margaret Walker, for murder of husband, Liverpool.
1899, July 19, Mary Ann Ansell, murder of lodger, St. Albans.
1902, Jan. 9, Louisa Massett, murder of child, Newgate.
1905, March 6, Ada C. Williams, murder of child, Newgate.
1908, Feb. 3, Annie Walters and Amelia Sachs, baby farming murders.

#### SOLICITOR'S SHOCK.

Mr. Ellis Stern, who acted as solicitor to Mrs. Thompson, yesterday said the news came as a great surprise.

"It is a great shock," said the lawyer, "I think everything that could possibly be done has been done for Mrs. Thompson.

"I am surprised that there is to be a reprieve, since in my view there was no direct evidence against Mrs. Thompson on the night of the act."

Mr. Bywaters and Mrs. Thompson's friends did not hear of the Home Secretary's decision until after they had visited the prison on Friday.

**STOP PRESS.**
FOR LATEST NEWS SEE BACK PAGE.

## BABY'S BURGLAR ALARM.

### £800 HAUL OF JEWELLERY ON A TRAY.

### BOOTY LEFT BEHIND.

A baby's cries in the early hours of the morning disturbed the burglars who broke into the premises of Messrs. Rose and Callard, jewellers, of Sutton, Surrey.

Mrs. Fagan, wife of the manager, who lives over the premises, heard a noise in the shop below and roused her husband. As she did so their baby began to cry, and then a noise, as of people hurrying was heard from the shop below.

A muffled jemmy, a brace, and complete outfit of burglar's tools were found on the floor of the shop.

The intruders had forced the lock of the shutters, disconnected the burglar alarm, and ransacked the shop.

A quantity of jewellery and ornaments, valued at £800, had been collected on a tray; but the only articles stolen were a diamond pin and two brooches, valued at £80.

## ILLNESS OF KING'S SISTER.

### PRINCESS VICTORIA MAKING SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT.

Princess Victoria, who has been suffering from bronchitis and pulmonary congestion, continues to show improvement.

A bulletin issued yesterday from Marlborough House stated that her strength was maintained, and that the condition of the Princess was as satisfactory as could be expected.

Princess Victoria Alexandra Olga Mary is the second sister of the King. She was born on July 6, 1868, and is a Lady of the Order of the Crown of India, of the Royal Order of Victoria and Albert, and a Lady of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

## NEGRO AND WOMAN.

### TWENTY-TWO KILLED IN RACIAL RIOTS.

New York, Friday.—Telegrams from Rosewood, in Florida, report that in racial riots arising out of a negro's assault upon a white woman, 22 persons were killed and many injured.—Exchange.

#### OLD BAILEY CASES.

The January Sessions of the Central Criminal Court begin on Wednesday. The charges include one of murder and two of attempted murder.

The capital charge is one in which John Smith, alias Green, is indicted for the murder of his 15-months-old daughter. One of the charges of attempted murder is the case in which several men are indicted for an attack on Henry Sabini and Charles Sabini, in a club in Great Bathst., on Nov. 19.

The charge of perjury is against Victoria May Broadbridge, who in the name of Mrs. Turner, gave evidence in the FitzRoy case.

## BOUDOIRS IN A DOPE DEN.

### VICE H.Q. FOR WOMEN.

### POLICE "NARCOTIC" SQUAD RAID A FLAT.

A daintily coloured and luxuriously furnished "dope-boudoir" for the exclusive use of women opium smokers was discovered in an early morning police raid on a six-roomed flat in Washington-square, New York, says a Central News message received yesterday.

The raid, which was carried out by the special "Narcotic" squad, under Dr. Carleton Simon, Special Deputy Police Commissioner, was a complete success, and resulted in the seizure of large quantities of opium and up-to-date burglar's tools, and the arrest of four men.

The prisoners were taken before Magistrate Levine in Essex Market Court and remanded on 3,500 dollars bail (approximately £700).

According to Dr. Simon the flat was used as a rendezvous for women addicted to the smoking of opium and was frequented by them in the early hours of the morning.

#### "BULLS ARE COMING!"

The raid, carefully planned, was skilfully carried out.

Dr. Simon stood at the entrance of the apartment house, while four detectives crept up a rear staircase to the top floor. A warning that "the bulls are coming" was shouted as the detectives entered the flat.

Then came the crash of broken glass. Opium pipes and burglar tools were thrown through the windows. Eight females living in the house were awakened by the noise. A free fight ensued when one of the men in the flat turned out the light, but the alleged drug vendors soon were subdued by the picked men of the special squad.

A search of the apartment revealed, states Dr. Simon, that one of the middle rooms was for the use of women "pipe smokers." Two opium smoking outfits, including a tea can containing a quantity of opium, were found under one of the beds.

The number of drug addicts in New York City has decreased 50,000 within two years, Dr. Carleton Simon told attendants at a luncheon of the Exchange Club. The extensive use of narcotics, he said, is traceable to the war, wherein the moral fibre of many men was broken, and got to Prohibition.

#### FAMOUS ACTRESS ILL.

Miss Constance Collier, the actress, is seriously ill in Switzerland. She has been in failing health for some time. Dame Clara Butt, who is one of her oldest friends, left London on Wednesday night in response to an urgent telegram from Miss Collier's doctors.

# CIGARETTE PAPERS

FOR AFTER DINNER SMOKING
BY.......................CHARLES LOWE

In the course of my reflections, ethical and historical, on the discovery and opening up of the three-chambered tomb of Tutankhamen, with all its wonderful art treasures of Egyptian workmanship, I had occasion to quote the "Address to a Mummy" in the London Exhibition of an Italian adventurer, Belzoni, standing 6ft. 7in. high in his stockings, who had been one of the first to explore and appropriate the contents of those old Egyptian tombs; and I repeated several stanzas which had lingered in my memory from boyhood's happy days, though I couldn't for the life of me remember their author's name. This brought me some half-dozen letters from readers, pointing out that the author in question was Horace Smith, brother of James Smith, joint authors of the once famous "Rejected Addresses" which resulted in a little fortune—over £1,000 at least—for the two brothers. Those "Rejected Addresses" are now forgotten, or at least are never read, while Horace's "Address to a Mummy" has achieved the distinction of being preserved entire in Chambers's History, or Encyclopædia, of English Literature. Horace made far more money on the Stock Exchange than ever he did on the slopes of Mount Parnassus—a very slippery hill—but was there ever a successful stockbroker who could rise to such heights of religious imagination as the author who thus concluded his beautiful address to Belzoni's "Mummy," which had been embalmed to await the far distant time when soul and body should be reunited for ascent to the realms of immortal bliss?

Why should this worthless tegument endure,
If its undying guest be lost for ever?
Oh, let us keep the soul embalmed and pure
In living virtue, that, when both must sever,
Altho' corruption may our frame consume,
Th' immortal spirit in the skies may bloom.

### Single-Poem Immortality.

So that Horace Smith, successful stockbroker and joint author with his brother James, of "Rejected Addresses," must take literary rank with those bards whose claim to immortality rests on one single poem. "Single-speech Hamilton" is remembered in our political annals for his only oration—and I sincerely wish we had many more of this silent or taciturn type; while we have had several poets of this parliamentarian kind who, though the writers of many poems, are only remembered by one. Of these, perhaps, the most conspicuous example is Gray, author of the immortal "Elegy"—a flawless effusion, though one of my literary friends—corresponding to Chaucer's "learned clerk of Oxenford"—has essayed to pick a hole in it.

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd wends slowly o'er the lea.

Now, argues my Oxonian friend, the curfew hour is eight o'clock, and the "lowing herd" would be sure to have been in their stalls and milking stations long before that! To which I could only counter by quoting a stanza from one of the best-known songs of the "Ettrick Shepherd" (James Hogg), who may be supposed to have known something of the habits of sheep and kine:

Come all ye jolly shepherds that whistle thro' the glen,
I'll tell ye o' a secret that courtiers dinna ken.
What is the greatest bliss that the tongue of man can name?
'Tis to meet your bonnie lassie when the kye come hame.
'Tween the gloamin' and the mirk when the kye come hame.

"Gloaming" means the "twilight," and "mirk" the hour of darkness which changes according to the summer season from eight to nine o'clock, and that is just when Gray's "lowing herd" would be wending homeward o'er the lea.

### An Elegiac Gem.

Similar hyper-criticism has been applied, I am sorry to say, to another immortal poem of the Smith-"Mummy" or Gray-"Elegy" kind. This was the "Burial of Sir John Moore," at Corunna on the Spanish coast of the "Bay o' Biscay, o!"—after the heroic retreat of his little army of the same number exactly as Xenophon's "Ten Thousand." Moore fell in the hour of victory and was buried where he fell.

We buried him darkly at dead of night,
The sods with our bayonets turning,
By the struggling moonbeam's misty light
And the lantern dimly burning.

But now a pedantic and picky-pecky astronomer comes along who essays to prove that on the night in question there was no moon, so that the whole funereal picture was a false one. Was it, just? Well, it will at least live for ever in the imagination of all who speak the English language. But how many readers could tell me offhand who was the author of this perfect little poem. On its first appearance in 1817 it was so admired that, even though its author's name remained unknown, it was ascribed to Byron, Campbell and other illustrious lyrists. But, as a matter of fact, its author was an Irishman, quite as gifted in this lyric line as his countryman "Tom" Moore, but not so prolific, the Revd. Charles Wolfe, who, born in Dublin, was educated at Winchester, and ultimately became rector of Donoughmore. He wrote many other verses, but, like Horace Smith and his "Mummy," will only be remembered by his "Burial of Sir John Moore."

### Gallantry Rewarded.

As some men achieve immortality by a single short poem just as Milton's "L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso" will probably outlive his "Paradise Lost"—so others, in the field of action, attain to everlasting fame by a single deed of heroism worthy of the Victoria Cross. The New Year's Day Honours List contained no distinctions of that pre-eminent kind; but there was one much humbler decoration which rather aroused my personal interest. This was a K.C.V.O. conferred on Com. Gerald Francis Talbot, formerly our naval attaché at Athens under the Venizelist régime, who had been sent post haste to Greece on the trial and execution of half-a-dozen ex-Ministers to do all he could to save Prince Andrew, "Tino's" youngest brother, married to a cousin of our own King, from a similar fate.

Reaching Athens just in the nick of time, Commander Talbot managed to achieve his object and bring away Prince Andrew and his charming English wife in the British cruiser Calypso.

Commander Talbot belongs to a branch of the Earls of Shrewsbury, one of whom cuts such a figure in the pages of Shakespeare's "Henry VI.," and I rather think that his father, or at least uncle, served as an officer in the Prussian Dragoon Guards during the Franco-German War. At that time the Prussian Army, true to its old traditions, contained a good many officers of British, mainly Scottish, birth, and one of the first officers to fall on the German side in '70 was an Englishman of the name of Winsloe. There was an Argyleshire Campbell of Craignish in the Bismarck Cuirassiers, who captured a French eagle in hand-to-hand conflict at Mars-la-Tour; while, after the war, the Cavalry Division in Alsace-Lorraine was commanded by a Lieutenant-General von Wright.

### Ignorance of Court Etiquette.

The knighting of this naval officer reminds me of a singular lapse from courtly etiquette-virtue committed by one of our greatest living soldiers, Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson, who makes the confession in his own memoirs. The story refers to the period immediately preceding the Great War (which he himself had predicted would break out in 1915, at the latest) when he was specially deputed to attend upon the King at the autumn manœuvres of 1912 and 1913 in Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire in order to explain everything to his Majesty, as none else could better do; and, having myself attended those manœuvres, I was a daily witness of the close military companionship between the two. "On the day the manœuvres terminated," writes Sir William, "I was informed by Clive Wigram, one of the equerries, that the King wished to see me. I found H.M. with the Queen, Lord Spencer, and a few members of the suite in the famous picture gallery (at Althorp), and was then told by the King that in return for the services I had rendered during the last few years he proposed to make me a Knight Commander of the Victorian Order. I was more than suprised, somewhat nervous, but Wigram came to the rescue, drew the sword he was wearing, handed it to the King, and told me to kneel down. Having duly knighted me the King put out his hand, and not knowing what else to do I took it, rising to my feet at the same time. I ought to have kissed it, of course, as a sign of homage, but the King was probably quite as pleased to see me shake it. The incident brought a broad smile over the face of the onlookers, and I beat as hasty a retreat as I respectfully could."

## IDLENESS NOT ALLOWED.

Colonel Edmond Herbert Grove-Hills, a former president of the Royal Astronomical Society, directed in his will that his trustees, during his wife's life, should make an allowance to his grandson, William George Cornwallis Hills, the grandson not to have an assured income of such amount as would be likely to tempt him to a life of idleness.

He desired that the successor should assume the surname of Grove, and said thatas the family had been connected with Swansea and Gower since the year 1561 he hoped the settlement would be continued by resettlement from time to time so that the connection should not be severed. He left £127,483.

## REPLIES TO OUR NAUTICAL READERS.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.—The final distribution is now being proceeded with including R.N.R. Officers as so entitled. Applications, accompanied by certificate in the case of Ratings, and by personal letter in that of Officers should be made to Naval Prize Branch, Cornwall House, Stamford-st., S.E.1, with initial of surname on envelope. R.N.R. (Ratings only) apply—vide above rule as to initial—to their R.N.R. Registrar.

A. MEDLEY, R. THOMSON, C. MARTYN, A. C.O.'s WIFE, MRS. MINTER and JONES.—Have not complied with correspondence rules. H. H. wishes to know how many retired Coastguard Officers are in receipt of Greenwich Age Pensions? There are nine on pension of £25 each. S. H. A. C. (Lowestoft) is a K.I.C. in the Fleet, about to be drafted to foreign service. He wishes to know whether the Government has any insurance scheme under which he could insure the payment of a sum on expiration of his 12 years' service, or, in case of his death in the period, for it to be paid to his widowed mother? The only Government scheme we know of is the Post Office annuities, which might meet his case. But any of the big insurance companies—Prudential, Pearl, etc.—will

(Copy.)
Admiralty, Dec. 27.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 14th inst., regarding the estate of the late J. C. Watt, I have to inform you that the amount due to his estate (£50) has been paid to his widow.—I am, etc.,
for ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.
The Naval Editor, "The People."

have tables to provide exactly what he requires. May we add that such queries as the above prove up to the hilt the claims we constantly make, that the Naval personnel of to-day is businesslike, mentally equipped and thoroughly intellectual. T. BENTLEY is directed to the Note on prize distribution at head of this column. All entitled are now being paid. J. APPLEBY has completed 18 years combined service, is a leading rate, and [illegible]

# ARMY NOTES

By
"TOMMY ATKINS."

# THE EX-SERVICE CIVIL SERVANT.

## Cadet Force Grant "Economy."

It is nice to hear of an ex-service association which is run by practical realists. This is the Association of ex-Service Civil Servants. It differs from so many (and herein lies its strength) because the workers have the common bond of a workaday interest, and since the Armistice they have been kept mentally alive by the need to fight the entrenched permanent officials, and by the lash of genuine grievances.

There is no fear of the Association of ex-Service Civil Servants becoming moribund. I think it was the ping of the bullet in Chesterton's "Man Alive" that taught some blase citizen the virtues of longevity, and similarly the swirl of the Axe is causing currents of air to keep the above Association healthy.

It is, however, a rather tragic business that they have to fight their fight alone. Truly the ideal of the united ex-Service voice is as far off as ever. The movement cannot rid itself of the canker of jealousies and prejudices, and perhaps, on the whole, there is abundant reason for the jealousy of the big concerns about the healthy progress and alertness of the smaller ones. In any case the ex-Service Civil Servants are putting up a big fight, nor did anyone ever have a better cause.

How the "shell-shocked" and disabled men were unfairly hit by what was in reality a "jazz" examination for Civil Service posts in 1920 has already been exposed in our columns, but the 4,000 who did pass the examination out of the 18,000 who sat have had bitter cause to rue their lot. A sample scandal on this ... a few weeks ago at once brought in letters from men whose cases are identical with the writer's.

*What is "Women's Work"?*

I consulted a leading official of the Association, and he confirms the truth of all that has been printed in "The People." Said he: "Some of your correspondents can spare themselves the trouble of crying out, because they will all be sacked very soon, although women in the G.P.O. Departments will remain."

He painted so gloomy a picture of the state of feeling among the ex-service Civil Servants that I sought further facts. For example, in the Savings Bank Department at West Kensington there are approximately 750 temporary women clerks and 250 ex-service temporary male clerks. It is proposed that, as candidates from the recent "clerical class competition" become available the 250 ex-service men will be discharged. This is expected almost immediately. The 750 women are officially stated to be employed upon women's work, and, therefore, indispensable.

But what of the fact that there are over 1,200 superfluous ex-service male temporary clerks awaiting re-allocation on the books of the Joint Substitution Board? Women's work is defined by the Ramsay Report as work in women's branches of Labour Exchanges, women's welfare institutions, and all duties recognised as proper to women prior to 1914. The Savings Bank Department is divided into two sections, the male side and the female side. The temporary women are employed upon similar duties, and side by side with the temporary men and permanent male officers, upon the male side. The women are supervised by male officers and are, therefore, not employed upon women's work.

I am told that prior to 1914 no woman was employed upon the male side of the S.B.D., and, with few minor exceptions, the temporary duties are connected with post-war work, namely, stock and war bonds business. Surely, therefore, the Ramsay Report cannot justify the retention of these women.

What the ex-Service Civil Servants are asking, now that the New Year Axe is beginning to get an edge on it, is that there should be an independent enquiry, and that the Ex-Service Civil Service Association should be represented upon it.

The whole question of the position of the ex-service man in Whitehall should in any case be taken up by some great association (why not the British Legion?) before Parliament re-assembles—otherwise it will be too late. Already one hears that 1,500 temporaries are to be discharged between now and the end of March, and that about 1,000 of them are ex-service men. In the present state of unemployment in the country this is nothing short of tragic.

*"The Unkindest Cut."*

When we remember that the Geddes Committee originally recommended a cut in the Army Estimates of 20 millions sterling and the reduction of the Regular Army to the extent of 50,000 officers and men, it seems like an indulgence of sentiment to protest against the recent swish of the Axe against the Cadet Force Grant at a time when leafy branches of the Army tree are falling wholesale. But that swish is against the very roots of the tree.

The Cadet Force has been too successful, having more than doubled its strength since 1914; that seems to be the trouble. It is as though the War Office (not boasting the wise economy of the gardener who would consider no price too high for a reliable watering-can in a thirsty land) wishes to abolish the mere £40,000 grant before the Cadet Force has proved its right to secure a much larger sum, while at the same time (to please certain brass hats) getting in an indirect dig at the Territorial movement.

We are a forgetful nation. The tragic shortage of officers, particularly of the Reserve of Officers, disclosed by the Boer War really brought the Cadet Force into being, and the impossibility of ever expecting the poorer units to become efficient, or even exist, combined with the foresight of Lord Haldane, made the grant a reality.

We know what we owed to the Officers' Training Corps in the Great War; no fewer than 25,000 ex-cadets were given commissions, and now, although the units at the big public schools will not be affected by the withdrawal of the grant (and may, indeed, obtain a new lease of life and freer development as the result of being no longer obliged to submit to War Office interference) the corps at the smaller schools will have to close down or "pass the hat round" eternally.

It is really tragic that the War Office, having commendably done so much to bring the Cadet Force to its present position of efficiency, should deal it such a blow at a time when the Territorial Army is merely a skeleton of its former self and the Militia practically non-existent. The argument is that the Cadet Force is like other civil organisations of boys—but the Cadet Units implanted genuine discipline and esprit de corps—a very remarkable difference! The money spent in inculcating such a potential battle-winning factor, by rendering it possible for the poorer units to pay for efficient instructors, camp equipment, and musketry training, would surely be counted as a drop in the ocean by those who believe that the military responsibilities of the British Empire have not entirely come to an end and as of no account at all by those who hold that in war, as in other things, it is the spirit that matters.

The strict professional utilitarian would in any case see that the grant provided the best incentive to efficiency, since the 5s. per cadet did not go to non-efficient units. The one good point in the War Office statement is that the Officers' Training Corps themselves are in no way affected, and the one hope is that the Cadet Force, being freed from the need to truckle to War Office whims, will flourish on more liberal lines.

# Old Comrades' Calendar.

*"The People," which has for so many years championed the cause of Service and ex-Service men, reserves this column for brief notices of forthcoming events in connection with Comrades' and Old Comrades' Associations. No charge is made.*

*Letters, addressed Editor, "The People," Milford Lane, W.C.2, envelopes being marked "Calendar," should reach us not later than THURSDAY morning.*

16th Lancers.—Annual dinner, Jan. 27, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st. Tickets 8s.—Apply, Secretary, 16th Lancers Association, Weedon, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Queen's Bays Monthly Social Meeting, Bull and Anchor Hotel, High Holborn, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. Sec., O. Preston, The Lodge, Home Park, Hampton Wick, Middlesex.

90th, 91st, 92nd Field Ambulances, R.A.M.C., A.S.C., att. 32nd Div.: Important meeting, Jan. 12, 7.15 p.m., Goldsmith Arms, Gutter-lane, Cheapside, E.C. Last meeting before re-union dinner.

Black Watch Assn. (London Branch).—General meeting, Jan. 17, at 7.30 p.m., at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C. Concert to follow. Ladies invited. Dance at Trinity Hall, Great Portland-st., W., on Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets [illegible] from Sec., J. Masters, 6, Broadway, S.W.1.

No. 3 (Kingston) Co., Surrey National Reserve.—All N.C.O.s and men who served under [illegible] the Royal Edward are invited to a reunion at the Cricketers Hotel, Fairfield, Kingston, on Jan. 27, at 7.30 p.m.

"Pompadours" Union of Sergeants Past and Present.—Re-union dinner at Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., on April 7. Tickets 7s. each. Apply J. Marshall, Sec., 52, Woodman-rd., Brentwood, Essex.

93rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.—Old members wishing to attend the first reunion are requested to send their names to Mr. J. H. Creasey, 43, Wilmington-sq., W.C.1.

Veterans' Club.—Special general meeting at 3, Hand-court, High Holborn, on Jan. 16, at 8 p.m., to consider new rules and arrange election of new committee for the year.

[illegible] Jan. 27. Tickets 6s. 6d. from J. W. Langford, 41, St. Julian's-rd., Kilburn, N.W.6.

113th Co. R.E. Reunion Dinner.—Meeting at [illegible] Club, Cheltenham, at 7.30 p.m., Jan. 13, to decide date, etc. All old comrades invited. [illegible]

3rd K.O. Hussars.—Monthly re-union [illegible] Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

Old Coldstreamers Association [illegible].—Dance at Wellington Chelsea Barracks, 7 p.m., Jan. 19. Tickets, men 1s. 6d., ladies 1s. at door. All members and friends invited.

City of London R.F.A.—Annual general meeting, Friday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m., at the Wool Exchange [illegible]. Annual dinner Sat., Jan. 27, [illegible] Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-st., E.C. Tickets and particulars from W. Thornton, sec., 16, [illegible], S.W.4.

London Irish R.fles.—Annual general meeting, Jan. 20, 8 p.m., Duke of York's Hqrs. Agenda: Election of officers, annual dinner, etc.

R.F.R. (S) Association, S.W. London Branch.—General meeting at Mevrick Arms, Falcon-rd., Clapham Junction, Jan. 12, at 7.30 p.m. Election of chairman and social business. Sec., F. Parker, 71, Parma-cres., Lavender-hill, S.W.11.

10th Batn. London Regt.—Saturday, Jan. 13, dance, Drill Hall, 7.30 p.m. "Memories" No. 11 now ready.—Particulars from J. Dillingham, 33, Springfield-rd., Walthamstow, E.17.

B Bty. 152 Bde. R.F.A.—Re-union dinner proposed February or March. Old members please write Cpl. C. L. [illegible], 33, Springfield-rd., South Tottenham, N.15.

Royal Dragoons Comrades Club.—Annual general meeting, followed by social, at the Feathers Hotel, Broadway, Westminster (near St. James Park Station), on Sat., Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. Ladies and all Royals invited.—R. A. [illegible], sec., 94, Netherwood-rd., W.14.

1st Surrey Rifles.—Association meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the New Clubhouse, Flodden-rd., S.E.5. All ex-members of the regiment invited.

6th Batn. City of London.—Sat., Jan. 13, dance at Hqrs., 57a, Farringdon-rd., E.C., at 7.30 p.m. Jan. 27, unveiling and dedication of memorial at hdqrs., 4 p.m.

6th Batn. Essex Regt.—Meeting Monday, Jan. 8, 8 p.m., Coffee Bar, Hqrs. All past members 3rd V.B., 1st, 2nd, 3rd-6th Essex invited.

R.E.O.C.A.—All ranks of the corps, past and present, desirous of joining the association write Sec., R.E.O.C.A., 200, Victoria-st., S.W.1.

R.E.O.C.A. (London Branch).—Social evening, Duke of York's Hqrs., Chelsea, S.W.3, Jan. 20, at 7.30 p.m. Admission by programme, 1s. 6d.—Sec., H. C. Parker, 33, [illegible], Chadwell Heath, Essex.

R.E.O.C.A. (Plymouth and S.W. Area of Southern Command Branch).—General meeting, Mount Wise Barracks, Devonport, Jan. 20, at 7.30. Sec., W. Gardener, Cumberland Block, Devonport.

R.F.R. Assn. (S.E. London Branch).—Whist drive every Thursday. Carnival dance Jan. 15, 8 p.m., at Services Rendezvous Club, 10-14, Blackheath-hill, S.E. Tickets at door, or from Sec., H. G. Law, 18, Burgos-grove, Greenwich, S.E.10.

56th (1st London) Divisional Signals T.A.—A fancy dress dance at Hqrs., 51, Calthorpe-st., W.C.1, on Jan. 19, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 2s.

[illegible] Q.R. Lancers.—Dance, Jan. 27, 7.30 p.m., at Veterans' Club, 47, Bedford Row, W.C. Tickets, 2s. single, 3s. 6d. double. Bohemian concert, Feb. 3, 7.30 p.m., at Commercial Hotel, E.C.4.—Sec., A. C. Gosling, 88, Lavender Grove, Dalston, E.8.

Middlesex Yeomanry Cavalry and Middlesex Imperial Yeomanry.—Annual dinner of members of regiment prior to Aug. 4, 1914, at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, W.1, on Feb. 13, at 7.15 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. [illegible] from Sec., William Young, 60, Elm Bank Mansions, Barnes, S.W.13.

23rd Batn. London Regt.—Carnival and fancy dress dance in aid of children's tea party, Jan. 13, in Drill Hall, 27, St. John's-hill, S.W. Tickets, 1s. 6d. single, 2s. 6d. double, dancing 7.30-11.30. Sec., [illegible], 27, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, S.W.11.

## HEADMASTER'S APPEAL.

George Heaner Job, headmaster of Alrewas Church of England School, successfully appealed at Staffs Quarter Sessions against a conviction for assaulting a scholar named Bailey, aged 13, and a fine of £2 with costs.

The boy stated that the appellant struck him across the face with a cane after he had refused to hold out his hand. He was helping another boy to give out material when he should have been in the lines.

Without calling upon the appellant the court allowed the appeal with costs.

## BUNGALOW TOWN BLAZE.

Bungalow Town, near Shoreham, narrowly escaped destruction by a fire in the early hours of the morning. Four of the prettiest bungalows were destroyed. How the fire originated is not known.

Fortunately there was little wind, or the greater part of Bungalow Town, with the Church of the Good Shepherd, must have been destroyed. Of the four bungalows nothing remained but sheets of corrugated iron and lengths of piping twisted into fantastic shapes.

# NAVY NOTES

By
"THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN."

# NEW RIVALRY: AMERICA versus BRITAIN.

## More About the Great Robbery.

No one quarrels with either this Government or its predecessor for keeping rigidly to its word, once it was given at the Washington Conference; though many of us deplore the fact that circumstances prevented us sending naval experts who were trained administrators and proved diplomats to represent the Empire at that epoch marking meeting.

The Washington promises, kept as they have been in letter and spirit by ourselves, are seemingly being regarded by other contracting Powers as non-applicable to themselves and their fighting fleets, with the result that our sea supremacy is rapidly becoming a thing of the past.

The magic formula of 5—5—3, which was to connote a sea equality between this Empire and America, is seen to be ignored by the latter Power, while we in this country, impelled by our sense of honour, and urged to carry it out to the letter by the mad-brained "anti-Waste" pseudo economists, have already "scrapped" our tale of efficient fighting material, and beggared the fleet by "beaching under the Axe" thousands of highly-trained officers and men at the very summit of their value to the State. Other contemporary nations are from one cause or another doing nothing to meet the obligations they have similarly agreed to.

*Keeping the Bond.*

Upon the evidence presented by the First Lord, Col. Amery, it appears we have already reduced the most efficient fleet the world has ever seen in the most vital factor, viz., personnel, below actual national requirements. The late Government declared that no great war was in sight for the next decade, and directed such wholesale reductions that their expert sailors on the Admiralty Board, knowing the world better than the politicians, found themselves in loyalty to their trust to the country, compelled to fight this cold fit of economy to the ultimate.

Between their patriotism on the one hand and their loyalty to their comrades on the other, the naval members of the Board have indeed been placed in an unenviable and responsible position. If they had been time servers and satisfied to carry out the behests of the politicians, so as to save their own positions, it would have fared badly with the country in recent crises, when but for this fact we certainly should have had a resumption of the late Armageddon. It would also have adversely affected very many more officers and men than have already unfortunately fallen victims to "the Axe." Between 2,000 and 3,000 officers (many of whom it occupied 10 years to train) and eleven times that number of men have been "beached"; efficient battleships have been broken up for scrap, yet when we wanted to make a demonstration of naval strength to enforce the views of the Government of the day, it required three-fourths of our remaining naval force to carry this out, and had trouble in other areas arisen there would have been difficulty in meeting it at the moment. What humiliation for "The Empress of the Seas"!

*The Great Naval Robbery.*

The announcement of a meeting of A.R.N.O. for Tuesday, Jan. 9, serves again to draw attention to what has been aptly designated "the great naval robbery," viz., the withholding from retired naval officers—alone of all retired fighting men in any rank—the pensions they had earned by long years of previous service; when they volunteered or were called up for service in the Great War.

Having failed to induce the Admiralty (or is it the Treasury?) to correct the position, A.R.N.O. placed the case in the hands of two eminent K.C.s, who independently came to the same conclusion. This was that the retired pay or pensions of naval officers is in the nature of deferred pay, and their absolute property—the same view had already been expressed officially by two late First Lords in regard to the cases of Admirals Lord Beresford and Sir Percy Scott—and that it has been illegally stopped when officers returned for service during the Great War. The two eminent lawyers who thus supported the claim were Sir Edward Carson, K.C. (now Lord Carson), and Sir John Simon, K.C., two men who may be depended upon to approach this subject from quite different viewp and both sound lawyers.

Thus fortified, A.R.N.O. prepared a to lay before the late Prime Minister, after much delay a deputation wa upon that gentleman, introduced by Bertram Falle, Bart., M.P., accompa by Mr. Kidd, M.P., the latter being principal speaker. Mr. Lloyd George h patiently all that was advanced in sup of the claim, and questioned the var officers who composed the deputation. then expressed his sympathy with the tired officers, and paid a high complim their loyalty and wonderful perform in the war. He stated that he must the matter to the Law Officers of the C and promised that should their views port the claim he would undertake to troduce legislation to provide the mo

We understand the late Law Offic ported just as the Government fell, and though some views reach us which are timistic, we are more inclined to be that when A.R.N.O. meets on the 9 less favourable result may be announ But even if this is so, there are yet means to implement justice, and officers have so good a case that it will well for them to support their asso by being present on that occasion. sibly our own pessimistic opinion ma incorrect, and as "silence gives cons the long wait may after all presage a h issue for retired naval officers in 1923.

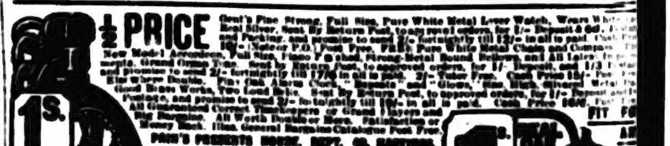
*Coastguard Life Insurance Fund.*

Members of the above are invited to to "The Man Behind the Gun" their v as to the desirability or otherwise of w ing up the fund in view of its mori condition, and of the probable aboli the Force. The suggestion is to grad realise all securities and assets for dis tion according to value of payments among the members.

A large number of votes have al been received, but many more will b comed. The result will be commun to the proper quarter.

*Gunners in Submarines.*

"Shades of Bacon"! Not only do naval warrant rank survive, altho throughout a long service career ev fort was devoted to its abolition; but the sacred Submarine Service, from w it was contrived to prohibit it, has succumbed, and is welcoming volu from among gunners and gunners (T The officers are to be below 35 ye age and able to comply with the ph test of that service. Thus once mo little David conquer Goliath.



# BOGUS V.C. WHO PLOTTED TO HOAX A BOROUGH.

## "COLONEL GUNN'S" EXPLOITS AS A DASHING YOUNG HERO.

(Special to "The People.")

With the sentence of nine months passed in Robert Gunter for a series of "dud" cheque transactions in the name of "Colonel Gunn, D.S.O.," one of the most daring of the adventurers who live by their wits on the fringe of West-End Clubland, has disappeared for the time being.

Gunter has a warped moral sense that causes him to regard it as the finest thing imaginable to live by his wits at the expense of others, and even before he thought of making money in this way Gunter was for ever seeking an outlet for his peculiar sense of humour.

He had the trick played on Mr. Grahame White, when "Lord Stanton Hope" and his bosom friend, the "Crown Prince of Wurtemberg," turned up at the London Aerodrome, Hendon, were taken at their own valuation, were entertained lavishly by various Society folk who frequented the aerodrome in those days, and took part in some exhibition flights.

"Lord Stanton Hope" was Gunter and the "Crown Prince" one of his associates. It was the success of this hoax that gave Gunter his taste for imposing on people in society, and from that time onward he devoted a good deal of his time to bringing off similar "stunts."

It may be said that it was a strange, but not unusual, delicacy that caused him to prefer roguery of this kind to living on his friends, but those who argue thus know nothing of the real character of the man.

When he was posing as a war-hero, with ranks varying from captain to general, he was not slow to live on the funds provided by his women admirers, some of them elderly dames who were proud to think they had this dashing young hero among their conquests.

His patrons ranged from a countess to a musical comedy star, and for a time Gunter lived like a prince, and had an entry into London society, where the story of his achievements in the Army had caused him to be looked upon as one of the most striking, if most modest, heroes of the war.

He might still have been living an easy life in the society of his many conquests among certain types of hysterical women had it not been for that strange kink in his character that caused him to seek adventure by posing in new directions as some one he was not.

### THE MAJOR OF YPRES.

He first appeared in military uniform in the West End eight years ago, when he posed as a major who had been wounded while engaged on important operations around Ypres.

As a matter of fact, he had served with the Army Service Corps, and while so serving had been wounded during a German air raid on one of the British bases in France.

Wearing a remarkable number of decorations, including the Legion of Honour, he cut a fine figure in the West End, and for some time was successful not only in escaping detection by the military police, but actually made his way into Society, where he was bound to rub shoulders with distinguished people in the Army.

Probably he was such a born actor that he played his part well enough to impose on these people, and it was only when he was impudent enough to turn up at a reception where he could not help meeting a member of the Commander-in-Chief's staff, then home on short leave from the Western Front, that Gunter was discovered, and his escapades in uniform other than that he was entitled to wear during these sick and other leaves caused him to be discharged from the Army in disgrace.

He disappeared from his haunts for a time, but later turned up to greet his countess and other women friends as a commissioned officer in the Canadian Army. He certainly served on the Western Front some time, but he seemed to find more than the usual amount of time for frequenting West End resorts and for occasional trips to Paris in the days when such permits were sparingly granted.

He could not be drawn regarding the reason for this freedom, merely remarking when challenged, "Secret Service, old man." Despite his long absences from the fighting line, he had always a good stock of adventures to relate, and I have known him keep his audiences thrilled with the tales of his hairbreadth escapes in the war zone.

### DASHING HIS BURDEN.

He managed to give the impression that if there was one man in the British Army who had more than his share of the hard work of the campaign on the Western Front it was he.

He succeeded so well in this direction that a number of women, having some influence, undertook to make representations to the proper quarter against the hardship in overtaxing this hero while so many others had pleasant times in "cushy jobs." They were as good as their word, but the authorities had some difficulty in locating the "hero," and finally an officer bearing a name similar to that given by Gunter at that time was surprised to be transferred from active service to administrative work at the headquarters of the Canadian Forces in England on the ground that he had had more than his share of the unpleasant work abroad.

On demobilisation Gunter found that being a hero was not such a popular "stunt," and he turned his thoughts seriously to earning his living honestly, securing an appointment with the London General Omnibus Company at a salary of £600 a year. Later he went into a motor business and had a salary of £1,100 a year until the concern failed.

Other positions were offered to him, some with excellent prospects, but it was evident that Gunter had taken a renewed dislike to honest work, and he went back to his old ways. About this time he appeared on the scene as Brigadier-general Gunter, V.C., and the astonishing thing is that he was received in Society in that name, no one questioning his record of service or his right to the use of the letters V.C.

About this time, also, he thought it meet that his native borough of Camberwell should do honour to her valiant son, and everything was arranged for a public testimonial and reception by the Borough notabilities. The truth leaked out in time to prevent the borough being made ridiculous.

### A SMART CLUBMAN.

All the time Gunter continued to frequent the best West End clubs. Some he had actually been admitted to membership of, but others he used without that formality, sometimes passing in the name of a member.

At the Service clubs he appeared frequently as Colonel Gunn, and it was through one of those clubs that he got into touch with Colonel Page Croft, the founder of the Centaur Club, which he was trying to join at the time of his arrest. He had a habit of accosting eminent soldiers in the street, claiming acquaintance with them, and then pressing them to be his guests to lunch at dinner at one or other of the West End clubs he frequented.

One of his victims was a field-marshal, who was persuaded to accept the invitation in the belief that he was dealing with some former colleague whom he ought to have remembered. The field-marshal was right royally entertained by the "Colonel," but it would have been a shock to him had he learned that his host had no more right to take him into that club than had any other non-member. The bill for this feast was "paid" with a "dud" cheque.

For a time he was engaged to be married to the daughter of a household into which he had been received as a distinguished visitor in his "hero" days, but an unpleasant cheque incident at a club where he had been entertaining the woman resulted in revelations that were followed by the breaking off of the engagement.



# LONDON CLOSE-UPS.

## No. 7—THE LAST HAUNT OF THE MELLOW-DRAMA.

By THOMAS BURKE. *Author of "Limehouse Nights," "London Nights," & "Twinkletoes."*

MELODRAMA—with all thy faults, I love thee still.

But alas, most of the pleasant haunts that knew thee of old, know thee no more.

The old "Britt." is a picture-palace. Barnard's, at Woolwich, is a picture-palace. The Dalston is gone; the Queen's, at Poplar, is gone. The Cambridge is gone. Collins', at Islington Green, has these last few months, made an attempt to detain thee; but one place only remains where thy sacred lamp has never been put out: the Elephant.

Yes, the Elephant and Castle is still with us, steadfast and true. There it stands, bravely, spreading its banners to the New Kent-rd., and roaring from its boards the last magnificences of the old mellow drama.

Still does the 10.30 Down Express crawl pantingly upon the gagged heroine. Still, still we hear the brazen notes of the Still Alarm. Still does the girl hesitate at the Cross Roads, or return for her second time on earth. Still twinkle the Lights of London, and still Little Willie holds out hands to the angels. For the thousandth time we may here learn why girls leave home and why men love women; and we may pour our scorn upon the girl who wrecked his home and our admiration upon One of the Best.

Good old Elephant!

And the audience is as good as the plays and works as hard as the actors. A wonderful rapprochement exists between them; it is a perfect example of collaboration. From the stage point of view this is the finest audience in England. The fifth-rate dramatist and the third-rate actor together play to it and upon it as upon a responsive instrument. Each works with the other.

The faces glow and steam. Handkerchiefs are used shamelessly. Emotions are stimulated and (I fear) passions are aroused. Across the faces flit the phantoms of hate, love, horror, pity, and joy. Nothing escapes them. They know every move in the play, every point in the game, and have no compunction about holding up the action while they applaud the little bits that tickle them, or the characters that capture their affection. For the æsthetics of the drama they care nothing. For the unities and the poetics they have no time. The austerities of Aristotle are not for these random creatures.

Their affection they distribute waywardly. Sympathy may go to hero and heroine, but as often as not affection is given by the younger members, without regard to moral standards, to the wicked lawyer with pince-nez, or the corrupt housekeeper, who is stout. Some physical peculiarity captures them, and they give their favourite a pet name.

When the "love-stuff," which always makes them restless, is on, you will hear plaintive voices from above, crying—"Where's Goggles? Wodyeh done with ole Goggles— We—want—Goggles!" or "What's happened to Bandy-legs? Let's 'ave ole Bandy-legs!" And when, at his right cue, the wicked lawyer enters, sedately villainous, he receives a hearty welcome—"'Ere 'e comes—'ere's ole Goggles—Wotcha, Goggles!"

But during the "big" moments they are rapt and still. The villain has the girl in his flat in a lonely square of West London.

"Arrrh! At last I have yew. Nothing can save yew now."

Crash! The French window falls inward. Enter naval lieutenant.

"Yew lie! I can save her!"

"Yew? Who are yew?"

"Berlish Pluck and Courage!"

Down comes the house. "Hooraaaay! That's torn it. That's the stuff. That's hit the bell. Go it, young 'un!"

Oh, how they enjoy it. And how the stage enjoys it, and considerately stops the play so that the house may get the full savour of the situation. And then the procession before the curtain at the end of each act—cheers for the hero, a good hand for the heroine, "raspberries" and other facetiousness for the comic man, hisses for the dirty dog, and a mixture of hoots and laughter for Goggles.

Well, you can have all your ornate and bride-cakey picture-palace, with their violet gloom and their stuffiness and their tip-up seats, and their shadow-shapes that creep and creep and grimace upon a silver sheet, if I may have my wooden seat in the gallery of the Elephant. Here at least is flesh and blood, the human figure and the human voice. And here, I will add, is acting of higher technical quality than any "picture" can show you. The people of the companies that visit the Elephant have learned their job, and know what they are doing. Being pretty or handsome is no part of their business. They have to get the stuff over, and they do get it over.

And though the tired intellectual may smile wearily at the mechanically patterned plays and their stringy platitudes, they should remember that a platitude is merely something that is worth repeating, and is always new to somebody. Melodrama deals with the fundamentals of life, and the Elephant audiences leave the theatre in a mental state akin to that of the audiences that leave the Everyman Theatre: they have been stimulated by something that, to them, is new, and they have learned something.

"Let that be a lesson to yeh, my gel," says mother to young Annie, as they come out. "You can learn a lot from a play like that. Does yeh good sometimes to see what things really are—opens yer eyes, like. If that Angela had been one o' these silly ones—'e'd a got over 'er—that Jasper Mauleverer. It just shows yer what things are!"

Good ole Elephant!

# WORKERS' SEARCHLIGHT.

By ANDREW BUCHANAN, J.P.

***1923. A Good Start.***

Many contracts have been secured for the shipyards of Smiths Dock Co., South Shields, which has work for months to come; the Ebbw Vale dispute is settled and 12,000 miners start work this week; orders from America for Welsh coal amounting to 250,000 tons have been received and others are following; hundreds of workers in the West Midlands start work by additional blast furnaces, long out of blast, being restarted; Guests steel works in Cardiff, closed for a long time, are re-opening, and tin-plate mills restarting; orders for railway equipment from South Africa are being received in the Midlands. Bravo!

***Wheat Not Flour.***

Look at this question which was referred to in this column recently. Although the building up of our livestock industry is of vital importance, no less than 60,000 tons of wheat offals have been exported in 1922 to the Continent. Well, if the Government are going to check the exportation of scrap-iron and steel to Germany, why in the name of common sense does it not stop the export of wheat offals to the Continent?

***The Irishman's Method.***

It is said the Scotsman thinks twice before he speaks once; the Englishman thinks whilst he speaks, and the Irishman speaks first and thinks afterwards. The Labour Party follows the Irishman's method. Mr. Snowden said in the House that the Labour Party opposed Insurance of Industry. Immediately afterwards the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and Labour Party appoint a committee to examine the question.

***The I.L.P. and "Big Business."***

The I.L.P. publicity section is much concerned by what it terms "Big Business" in Parliament and the number of company directors in the "House." What is the point? Hundreds of thousands of shareholders appoint these directors to look after their investments, and the electors in many constituencies elect them to Parliament. Is the I.L.P. grievance that the shareholders don't elect I.L.P. directors, or that the electors don't elect I.L.P. members? Which is it?

***U.K. Beats U.S.A.***

Up to last October Germany imported 2,266,000 tons of coal as compared with 1,600,000 in 1921. Practically the whole of the former was imported from Britain and only 121 tons from U.S.A. The Welsh steam coalowners have captured the South American market from the Americans. Good!

***What's the Explanation?***

How comes it that a London firm is having a 7,300 ton steamer built in the Geestermunde (German) shipyards? How is it? We ought to be told. On the other hand, it is satisfactory to record that Britain has beaten the world last year, and now is the premier motor shipbuilding country. That's better.

***"The Cart Before the Horse."***

Whatever has induced the L.C.C. Labour Members to start an agitation for a uniform minimum wage for all London municipal employees? The municipal workers have reasonable hours, secure employment, and a pension. Why do not these members try to get such conditions for the great body of workers who are not State or Municipal employees before troubling about the latter? The great bulk of the workers are subject to an hour's or week's notice, have no security, and certainly no pension except the State pension if they live so long. Start again!

***Inequality.***

A shipbuilder's plumber in the North gets 48s. 6d. for a 47-hours week if he is lucky; a corporation plumber gets 77s. for a 44-hours week; an engineman in the shipyards gets 39s. 2d., whereas a corporation flagman in front of a steam roller gets 72s. I know bank clerks getting less than corporation dustmen. The Labour Party in London are backing the wrong horse when they start trying to improve the conditions of municipal employees, and the workers in London will tell them so.

***German Initiative Again!***

By scientific production, co-operative methods and private initiative Germany fed her own population, before the war, of over 60 millions. Since the war she has established over 12,000 co-operative societies with local credit banks. As Mr. Darling says in his report: "It is a splendid example of self-help, as Italy is a warning of the danger of state aid." In face of Germany's effort and Denmark's success Britain is like the horse's tail—all behind.

***Ministry of Agriculture.***

What is this Ministry really doing for agriculture? Their reports indicate a lot of work done, but I don't think there is much hanging to it. As a matter of fact this State department was evolved out of a private Board of Agriculture comprised of agriculturists, and I really question whether if things don't rapidly improve it wouldn't be better to revert to a genuine Board of Agriculturists who, by co-operation with the banking profession, might follow Germany's example. Our greatest industry cannot be sacrificed to the interest of non-agricultural officials. Drastic conditions need drastic methods.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. A. (Middlesbro).—Write to your M.P. stating your views and ask him to forward it to the Cabinet Committee now considering the matter. The Agricultural Committee recently set up is only considering prices and transport, not policy.

# SOCKS AS CLUE TO CHARACTER.

## SELFISH BABIES.

### BOYS WHO ARE 'NATURALLY' MISCHIEVOUS.

Little boys who pull their sisters' hair and make them cry because they have taken toys which do not belong to them are relieving their feelings in a natural way, said Dr. David Forsyth to an audience of little boys and girls at the National Institute of Hygiene.

Little boys, he added, who pull the wings from blue-bottles and cut worms in half (giggles from the girls) are developing certain characteristics which will be useful to them when they grow up, but which would be less useful to women. These qualities are self-assertiveness, determination and grip.

Some little girls indulge in day-dreams in which they are happy under all sorts of indignities in order to gain favour and grace in the eyes of some beloved teacher.

### CHILDREN'S SELF-LOVE.

The doctor explained how the very small child is entirely self-centred and essentially selfish. The child of 4 or 5 still has "me" as the centre of his universe, but he has already learnt to love his mother, because his mother does so much for him.

The self-love of childhood, the doctor told the children, is called Narcissism, because of the myth of the beautiful youth who fell in love with his own reflection. Narcissism, if it persists in the grown-up, more often than not leads to unhappiness. "In youths and girls in their later teens we still find Narcissism fairly prominent," said Dr. Forsyth. "Brightly coloured socks are an indication of it in youths.

"Most young people of this age have a very good opinion of themselves, which is not, perhaps, quite warranted."

One little girl was displeased with the lecturer's explanation that dreams represented the realisation of a frustrated desire. She asked an adult to explain for her that she had often dreamed that her mother was a cripple, and she was quite sure that she did not desire her mother to be a cripple.

The lecturer gently explained that in her dream she was probably picturing to herself a desired opportunity to figure as a heroine in her unselfish devotion to a helpless mother.

### LUCILE, LIMITED.

Some confusion having apparently arisen in the public mind by reason of the recent proceedings in the bankruptcy of Lady Duff Gordon having been headed "Lucile, or Lucile's Failure," it is desired to correct any misapprehension by stating that such proceedings were purely personal to Lady Duff Gordon and do not affect Lucile, Limited, of 23, Hanover-sq., W., which is quite an independent concern and which continues to carry on business as hitherto.

# MUSIC, PLAYS AND PICTURES

Winifred Rome (Fairy) and Daisy Burrell (Cinderella), The Hippodrome.

Nita Naldi and Richard Barthelmess, Experience Moll's Picture Palace.

Florence Smithson, The Alhambra.

Violet Essex, The Palladium

Folly Rask, The Wimbledon.

Cecily Sage, Wyndham, Drury Lane.

Victoria Carmen, "Dick Whittington," The Moss Tour.

## COVENT GARDEN FESTIVAL.

### MELBA TO SING IN "LA BOHEME."

THE week at Covent Garden had its disappointments and its surprise. It was intended that "Phœbus and Pan" should share a programme with "Pagliacci," but owing to the continued illness of Mr. Frank Mullings the Bach opera had to be abandoned, "Cavalleria Rusticana" being given in its place.

Another disappointment was the cancelling of the "Louise" performance owing to difficulties with the publishers.

The surprising and very welcome news that Dame Nellie Melba would sing with the B.N.O.C. Company in "La Boheme" next week, however, compensates for the absence of "Tristan and Isolde" from the season's repertoire (for which the illness of Mr. Mullings is responsible), and also for the withdrawal of "Louise."

The performance of "La Boheme" is fixed for Wednesday, the 17th, when a real "Melba" night is expected. The prima donna, it should be noted, is giving her services to further the cause of opera in this country.

Of the week's revivals "The Valkyrie" and "Madame Butterfly" stand out for special mention. In the later Miss Maggie Teyte in the title role was even more charming than when she last appeared in the part. Her voice has taken on a fuller note, which made her singing of the dramatic moments of Puccini's opera more effective.

Mr. Tudor Davies sang very well as Pinkerton, Mr. Shanks was an excellent Sharpless. Miss Edith Clegg repeated her usual success as Suzuki.

Mr. Julius Harrison conducted a well-balanced performance, and it was good to see the old setting back again.

In "Samson and Delilah" Miss Edna Thornton, who was in good voice, sang the music of Delilah with breadth of style and dramatic power, and Mr. Frederic Blaney, a new member of the company, as Samson gave a dignified performance, and sang well in the more declamatory passages of the work.

Mr. Norman Allin, Mr. Frederic Collier, and Mr. Robert Parker were heard with effect in the other principal roles.

In "Cavalleria Rusticana" Miss Juliette Autran sang Santuzza with charm and sincerity, and it was good to see Mr. Herbert Langley back with the company. His Alfio was a vivid performance.

Miss Beatrice Miranda was the Nedda in "Pagliacci." She sang remarkably well, as did Mr. Boland as Canio. Mr. Robert Parker's Tonio was the best performance in the revival. He delivered the Prologue with fine dramatic appreciation, and his impersonation throughout calls for high praise.

In "The Valkyrie" the B.N.O.C. reached the highest achievement attained this season. With one exception, the Hunding of Mr. Norman Allin, all the impersonations were familiar. Mr. Allin sang beautifully, and left out nothing of the sinister element of the character.

Mr. Walter Hyde's Seigmund, Miss Edna Thornton's Fricka, the Seiglind of Miss Beatrice Miranda, and the Wotan of Mr. Robert Parker are familiar performances which deserve the highest praise. Miss Florence Austral's Brunnhilde has grown in artistic perception and, of course, she sang the music perfectly.

Mr. Percy Pitt conducted a performance which was followed with the greatest interest by a large audience.

"Il Seraglio" and "La Boheme" were also included in the week's repertory.

It is of interest to note that the matinees of "Hansel and Gretel" have increased in popularity. The house has been practically sold out for each performance.

## CONCERT NOTES.

The year just ended will be chiefly remembered, musically, for the increased appreciation of British musicians at home and abroad. Our own composers and performers have been equally, if not more, as successful as the at-one-time ubiquitous foreigner. To hold and strengthen their position in public favour should henceforth be their abiding ambition.

Concerts were numerous last week, and, judging from this plenitude in the first week of the New Year, it would seem that "1923" will be quite as busy in the world of music as the lately-deceased 1922.

Next Saturday the London Symphony concerts will be resumed at Queen's Hall with the New Queen's Hall Orchestra, conducted by Sir Henry Wood. M. Moritz Rosenthal is the solo pianist, and an attractive programme includes Tschaikowsky's "Pathetique" symphony.

On the same afternoon the Enoch Concerts will recommence at Central Hall, Westminster, with a long list of popular performers headed by Sir Landon Ronald.

And another interesting musical fixture for Jan. 13 is the recital for violin and piano, which Messrs. Albert Sammons and William Murdoch are giving in Wigmore Hall.

## GREENROOM CHATTER.

**Last Nights.**—"Hawleys of the High Street," unless another theatre can meanwhile be secured, will be temporarily withdrawn from the Apollo Theatre on Saturday next.

**"Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure."**—There will be matinees this week of "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure" tomorrow, Wednesday, and Saturday. This play finishes its present run at the Savoy on Jan. 27.

**Some Celebrations.**—"Snap," at the Vaudeville Theatre, celebrates its 200th performance on Thursday next, and "Secrets," at the Comedy Theatre, its 150th on the following Saturday.

**Flying Matinee of "The Happy Ending."**—Robert Loraine has arranged for a flying matinee of Ian Hay's play, "The Happy Ending," to take place at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 2.30, with all the members of the St. James' Theatre cast, where they return to play the same evening at 8.30.

**"The Great Broxopp."**—The next Reandean production, "The Great Broxopp," by A. A. Milne, will take place at the St. Martin's Theatre early in February. The leading character will be played by Edmund Gwenn. The last week of that fine Galsworthy play, "Loyalties," which has enjoyed a run of nearly 11 months, is announced.

**"The Coming of Gabrielle."**—Important news for the more earnest student of English playwriting is the fact that Mr. Leon M. Lion is producing "The Coming of Gabrielle" in March. It is probable that it will be performed for a limited number of performances, and possibly by subscription. The two plays by George Moore already produced are "Esther Waters" and "Elizabeth Cooper," both of which were done by the Stage Society.

**Miss Peggy O'Neil in "Plus Fours."**—"Plus Fours" is to be the title of the new comedy by Horace Annesley Vachell and Harold Simpson, which is Mr. Harrison's next production at the Haymarket Theatre. Mr. A. A. Milne's comedy, "The Dover Road," will finish its long run on Saturday, Jan. 13. It will be welcome news to all the many devoted admirers of dainty Miss Peggy O'Neil to hear that she will play a leading part in the new play, which will be produced on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

## VARIETY JOTTINGS.

**Bert Coote Busy.**—Bert Coote will have a busy time this week, for in addition to playing the part of the Mad Gardener in "The Windmill Man," which is going strong at the Victoria Palace matinees, he will play at the same house in the evening his famous character in that most perfect of variety playlets, "A Lamb on Wall Street."

**Stars at the Moss Empires.**—Milton Hayes will philosophise this week at the Finsbury Park Empire; Margaret Halstan is also appearing here in her sketch, "The Greatest Invention Of All." At the New Cross Empire Nora Blaney, Gwen Farrar, and Tom Edwards top the bill. Harry Day's revue "Crystals," with Kitty Colyer and Jimmie Leslie as the leads, is the attraction at the Stratford Empire.

**A Popular English Turn.**—Quite a host of not quite English talent, including the Savoy Havana Band, Harry Welch, Alma Adair, and Lydia Lopokova, will support George Robey when he "stars" in "You'll Be Surprised," the new revue to be produced by Sir Oswald Stoll on Jan. 26, at Covent Garden. A most popular and genuine British turn will be found in front of that theatre in the genial figure of Mr. George Reynolds, the manager of the Alhambra, who will divide his attentions between the two houses.

**The Scottish National Players.** The most notable feature, to those of us interested in variety, of the debut of the Scottish National Players, at the Coliseum, was the appearance of Andrew P. Wilson (till quite recently on the Stoll staff), who appeared as Old Jameson in "A Valuable Rival," by Neil F. Grant, of the "Morning Post" staff. He gave an admirable and vigorous representation of that irascible old gentleman. This is the second actor of real merit that the Stoll staff have provided, for most of us remember the fine performance of Freddy Foster (who acted as manager for Sir Oswald Stoll for some time at the Alhambra), who gave us the vulgar profiteer in that bright sketch, "The Poor Rich."

**To Do With Newspapers.**—The motif of "A Valuable Rival" is the trading duel, which is conducted with some acerbity, which takes place between two newspaper proprietors. It is further intrigued by the introduction of a photograph which leads up perhaps to a satisfactory finish. Sometimes the more English of the audience were a little bothered, if amused, by the broad Scotch which was put over the footlights; nevertheless the trifle was much appreciated, and drew forth a hearty meed of applause. As Jameson's daughter, Miss Mason gave a convincing performance, while R. B. Wharrie gave a spirited rendering of the character of the young newspaper rival. Grock provided good fun. He remains here this week, when Marie Dainton, Lake and Barrasford, and Vera Levrova (Baroness Royce-Garratt), will be new turns in the programme.

**Record Booking.**—Despite the "grumble" that business is not too good in our West End theatres, the London Hippodrome's "Cinderella" is enjoying record business, and the advanced bookings run a month or two ahead. I met in a tramcar a rather dull and uninteresting acquaintance of mine, who is something in the Rock Oil trade, and repeated a line or two of the dialogue that takes place between a little slavey (cleverly represented by a little girl whose name did not appear on the programme) and Stanley Lupino. They have just had a dance together, and Stanley takes a rest. "Hello!" inquires the miniature shivvy, "What are you doin' f'?" "Little Girl," says Stanley, most gravely, "You should say, 'What are you a doin' hoff.'" The Rock Oil man leaned heavily on his umbrella, and fixing his pair of coolish eyes on me, solemnly said, "And quite correct of your—ahem!—friend Stanley to correct the little girl. He did the right thing." CHRIS.

## FILMS AND EDUCATION.

### VALUE TO CHILDREN UPHELD.

"I have never seen anything demoralising about the kinema," said Dr. Ballard in presiding at a lecture by Dr. C. W. Kimmins on "The Child and the Kinema," at the Educational Associations' Conference at University College. Dr. Ballard added that those superior people who objected to boys reading penny dreadfuls, and the magistrates who ascribed all kinds of crimes to the reading of these books, had the same thing to say about the kinema.

Dr. Kimmins said he had permission to announce that the results of the recent inquiry into the value of the kinema as an instrument of education were highly favourable to the kinema.

It would be difficult, he said, to overestimate the educational value to a child of the films dealing with the climbing of Mount Everest and the voyage of the Quest.

## BLIND MUSICIANS WED.

Two blind street musicians, both of whom had previously married blind people, were bride and bridegroom at Hull.

John Levens Ellis, aged 60, the bridegroom, plays the melodion, and will accompany his wife, formerly Mrs. Ada Louisa Freeman, who is a vocalist. Mrs. Ellis is 20 years younger than her husband.

Elgar's violin concerto is to be played in Vienna this month by Mr. Victor Olef, a London-born violinist of Anglo-Swedish parentage, who has studied in the Guildhall School of Music with Mr. Kalman Ronay. The latter is the nephew of the famous Leopold Auer, and represents him in England. At his first recital in Vienna Mr. Olef is to introduce a new violin sonata by Mr. Francis J. Morgan.

## HARMONIOUS WORDS ON MUSIC.

### SIR HUGH ALLEN'S WITTY ADDRESS.

A professional musician was one who made money with his music, and an amateur one who made music with his money, said Sir Hugh Allen, professor of music, Oxford University, addressing the Incorporated Society of Musicians at Oxford.

Music, he declared, was now getting into the crannies of human life in a way that it had never done before. When a person told him he wanted to learn music because he liked it he retorted, "I like apples, but I am not going to be a greengrocer." Some people thought that to be able to play a difficult piece of music made them musicians.

There was a lack of humility about a person who, when asked if he could do something, answered, "I have not tried it, but I could do it."

People should be taught to listen. Because people could not listen properly music had always been at a discount.

It was a matter of great importance whether there should not be a minimum qualification for the exercise of the profession of music. Gorgeous academic gowns were not everything. There was a tendency to think that outward adornment meant inward and spiritual grace. The only medal worth wearing was that which had been won in action.

## NATURE'S TRICKS.

### BIRTHS WITH ONE LUNG AND ONE EYE.

Two remarkable freaks of nature have been revealed at inquests.

George Smith, an employee of Twickenham District Council, died from bronchial pneumonia in the right lung. A post-mortem showed that he had no left lung, and the doctor said the man must have been born with one lung. He believed the case to be the first of its kind.

A baby at Tredegar (Mon) was born with one eye, and had no cavity where the other should have been.—Dr. Isaac Crawford, at an inquest on the child at Tredegar, said he had never seen a similar case. The child's age at death was three months.

## PSYCHE.

### BLACK BOXER WHO FOUGHT CARPENTIER.

Among a number of amusing schoolboys' errors recorded in the "University Correspondent," are the following:—

A grass widow is the wife of a dead vegetarian.

Tertium quid is a legal term meaning 6s. 8d.

Psyche was a black boxer who fought Carpentier.

A circle is a round straight line with a hole in the middle.

Bacchus first taught the Greeks to get drunk and Raleigh named tobacco after him in honour of the Virgin Queen.

## ROBIN REDBREAST A POOR PARENT.

### 900-FEATHER NEST.

### LONG TAILED TIT AN EASY PRIZE BUILDER.

Some delightful stories of bird-life that seemed to recall Gilbert White's love of the countryside were told by Viscount Grey at the London University College.

"If there were a prize for the best nest-building, I should award it to the long-tailed tit," said Lord Grey. Every week-end in a period of two and a half months which he had spent in his country cottage he watched a pair of long-tailed tits building their nest in a sweetbriar hedge. The nest was lined with 900 feathers.

These birds were such careful and conscientious nest-builders that they never hurried, and perhaps nothing made him so happy as to see the little family born into the world on a Sunday in May after his many week-ends of interested watching.

#### FAITHFUL WIDGEONS.

Lord Grey's most faithful friends were two widgeons, which settled with him for some time, leading a tame and happy life. Then they decided to take a long tour, joining a flock of wild birds. After an absence of six or seven months the female widgeon returned to Lord Grey's garden, and a month later the male widgeon returned. There they once more became the friends of their host.

"I like the cuckoo," said Lord Grey, "but I am inclined to apply the remark to him that you often hear applied to a discreditable friend: 'I can't help liking him, I know him so well.'"

He told how an apparently innocent young cuckoo became fierce and revengeful when a baby whitethroat was placed in the nest legitimately his, but which the cuckoo had stolen.

Partridges provided the highest standard of family life and robins the lowest. Mr. and Mrs. Robin were glad to get rid of their families as soon as possible, and themselves always separated for the autumn and winter.

## ALL DRUNK BUT HIMSELF!

### MAN'S ACCUSATION AGAINST POLICE STATION STAFF.

That he was arrested by a constable who "smelt strongly of drink," and that the whole of the police station staff were the worse for liquor while he himself was the only one sober, was the sweeping assertion made by Arthur Hewitt, a labourer, who was charged at Lambeth (S.E. London) police court with being drunk and disorderly.

Mr. Hay Halkett (magistrate): "Then it is a question of a drunken policeman taking a sober man for nothing?"

"That is so," replied Hewitt. "At the police station they kicked me in the stomach. I went into the charge room, and they were all drunk, every one of them. It took four policemen to get me to the cells."

Magistrate: "Because they were so drunk that four were required to do the work of one?"

"Very likely," replied Hewitt.

"In what state was the sergeant who took the charge?" asked the magistrate.

"He was more drunk than the lot of them," said Hewitt.

Looking at the charge sheet, Mr. Hay Halkett observed sceptically: "It is remarkable that a drunken sergeant should write such a beautiful hand," and adjourned the case for inquiries.

Hewitt was brought before the court on the following day, when Insp. Walmsley said he understood that the man was under treatment at King's College Hospital for mental trouble.

Mr. Hay Halkett: That may account for the whole thing. Everyone who has mental trouble in any form or shape should keep clear of drink.

A fine of 10s. was imposed.

## MARTYR TO DUTY.

### NURSE WHO CONTRACTED DISEASE FROM PATIENTS.

For eight years in the service of the Southwark Borough Council as a tuberculosis nurse, Miss O. M. Wallis contracted the disease in the course of her duties.

For a long time the council paid her full wages, but terminated her appointment in August. She has now informed the council that she is unable to return to her profession or to maintain herself, and has asked if the council could not make her some payment.

It was decided that under the Superannuation Act a grant can be made, and the council will give Nurse Wallis a gratuity of £194.

## STEEP HILL COLLISION.

### TWELVE INJURED IN OVERTURNED OMNIBUS.

A runaway omnibus, having 12 passengers aboard, overturned on a steep hill, known as the Corkscrew, between Hanley and Leek, Staffordshire.

The omnibus stopped near the top of the hill and then ran backwards on the greasy road. It collided with a motor-lorry and overturned. Two passengers, Mrs. Maria L. Hewitson, of Goodfellow-st., Tunstall, and William Brindley, of Moss-st., Corbridge, Stoke-on-Trent, were seriously injured. The other passengers suffered from shock or were cut by broken glass.

## £2,000 DIAMOND IN TAXI.

### DRIVER WHO MISTOOK IT FOR GLASS.

A diamond worth £2,000 was mistaken by a taxicab driver for a piece of glass and was nearly thrown away.

By a mere accident it was found to be the diamond lost on New Year's Eve by Mrs. Clarence Hatry, wife of a financier.

Mrs. Hatry identified the stone at Scotland Yard by means of the ring from it had been lost, the setting being found to fit the diamond exactly.

Mrs. Hatry also lost a pearl necklace, but that has not been found.

## NIGHT SEARCH FOR A DOCTOR.

### HUSBAND RETURNS TO FIND WIFE DEAD.

After listening at an inquest at Poplar, E. London, to the evidence of a husband as to how he vainly scoured the neighbourhood at night in search of a doctor, Dr. Gutherie, the coroner, remarked that he was continually faced with the difficulty of finding doctors in the East-End at night.

The man's story was that he awoke to find that his wife, an elderly woman, was seriously ill.

He rushed for a doctor and visited three surgeries all situated at considerable distances from one another. All the doctors were out.

When he returned home it was to find his wife dead.

A police surgeon arrived at the house two and a half hours too late to aid the woman.

## NINE MONTHS FOR MOTORIST.

### RECKLESS DRIVING THAT CAUSED MAN'S DEATH.

For driving a motor-car in a reckless manner, and knocking down and killing a glassworker, James Douglas Vallance, a well-dressed young motorist, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and ordered to pay a fine of £250 by the Glasgow High Court.

The accident took place in the neighbourhood of Hillhead, a suburb of Glasgow, and witnesses declared that Vallance was driving at 40 miles an hour.

## TRAGIC REVOLVER JOKE.

### MURDER CHARGE AGAINST BROTHER WITHDRAWN.

A dramatic description of a revolver joke which ended in death was told by Peter M'Dermott, in police custody, at the inquest at Liverpool on Michael M'Dermott (18).

A verdict of death from misadventure was recorded, and later in the day when M'Dermott came before the magistrates the charge of murder was withdrawn, and the police intended to proceed only on the two charges under the Firearms Act. A remand of seven days was granted £20 bail being allowed.

Peter M'Dermott said that until Thursday of last week he was employed in the C.I.D. of the Free State Army in Dublin.

On New Year's night he, his brother, and a friend called at a hotel after ten o'clock to see the landlord. When he first showed the revolver the licensee pointed out that it was a dangerous weapon, so he unloaded it completely, so far as he knew, putting the bullets in a pocket.

"Later my brother felt sick," said M'Dermott. "I said to my brother, 'Pull yourself together, old man.' Then I produced the revolver and jokingly pointed it at him. If I had thought for a moment there was a cartridge in it I would not have done such a thing."

# THE GREAT MATRIMONIAL DIVIDE.

## LAW'S SCHOOL WHICH TEACHES THE VALUE OF A KISS.

"A woman neglected is worse than a woman spurned."

With these words Mr. J. P. Ellis, the senior Divorce Court reporter, sums up his impressions of the drama of the Divorce Court.

With over a quarter of a century's experience of the "Court of Broken Vows," the writer has formed some interesting opinions on the great matrimonial "divide" which he sets out below.

*(By Joseph P. Ellis, Senior Divorce Court Reporter.)*

"HOW nice it must be to sit here and listen to all these interesting cases," is a remark which has been often made to me.

Having listened to more trials of this nature than any other living layman, my answer is: Nice, no; but interesting, yes, mainly from a psychological point of view.

And one's experience tends to the conclusion that if marriages are made in Heaven, then divorce must be the Devil.

In order to emphasise some of the evils which follow divorce and with which the general public are not so familiar, or apt to overlook, I'll ring up the curtain on what might well be called the "Drama of Divorce"—a play in one or more acts. A full audience is never lacking in those courts where the woes of the unhappily wed are dealt with.

Most of the visitors are casual sightseers with an idle hour to spend in the

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Great Metropolis. A few, and the least desirable, are those regular attendants with an insatiable appetite for moral filth in all its nakedness.

They sit unabashed and unashamed in court (how they get there is a marvel) or public gallery, even after the judge has intimated that the case about to be heard "is one unfit for decent ears." These moral ghouls sit out the gruesome performance down to the final "decree nisi, with custody of the children."

That is the greatest tragedy of all. The innocent children who go through life with the indelible stain of their parent's sin. Oh, the cunning and deceit to which the innocent parents often resort to hide the shame from their innocents!

**DECEIVING THE INNOCENTS.**

"Mummy," the children are told has "gone away for a while," while "Daddy" is often "abroad."

Poor lies! Often they never come back. Sometimes they do for very limited periods at intervals, where the judge makes an order for "access."

This means that the guilty parent may see the children occasionally under the eyes of an independent person—mostly a solicitor or his clerk.

Could there be anything more warranted to check the founts of love than this? It is the law, however, and who shall say that the punishment does not fit the crime?

Sometimes, but seldom, the law relents to the extent of permitting a guilty parent to see the little ones without the presence of any moral or legal supervisor.

It is strange how little people realise what will follow even a moment's forgetfulness of the marriage vow.

To remind them, every young couple on getting married should be handed a printed card to be hung up in the home containing the following rules for happy matrimony:—

Don't sulk.
Be merciful one to the other.
Differences discussed disappear.
Quarrels are cured by a kiss.
A homely husband is worth two flashy lovers.

One half of the present-day divorces are brought about by a fleeting infatuation for some other man or woman who, in ordinary circumstances, would be but a flitting shadow cast on one's life, but owing to some exceptional conditions arising becomes an actor in a domestic tragedy.

It is not often a man or a woman deliberately sets about the seduction of another person, although there have been such instances. In one case I recall a man who used his wealth to steal the young wife of his friend.

**PLENTY OF GOOD IN THE WORLD.**

Owing to a great extent to the persistence and eloquence of "F.E." (as Lord Birkenhead was then) the jury awarded the greatest amount ever given by a common jury by way of damages to the injured husband.

So the law was satisfied. Was the injured husband? Money cannot buy true love, and his home and happiness were wrecked at any rate.

Some years ago a world-famed writer sat next me for best part of a day listening and watching the stream of humanity going through the divorce mill at the rate of six or seven to the hour. He wanted "atmosphere and local colour" for a new book.

There were several stories told which would have touched the heart of a stone idol, and the great man turned to me and remarked, not without some slight contempt in his voice: "How you can sit here all day and every day listening to these human tragedies I can't understand. No doubt one can get case-hardened, but I should think that by this time you have become a cynic and a misogamist in your thoughts."

He was wrong. Despite all the morally bad folk with whom I have come in contact I still believe there are more good people in the world than bad. Especially women.

With them often they are the victims of circumstances. A man mostly creates his own surroundings.

And now to sound a note of warning. Experience has led me to believe that more married women go wrong through the neglect—it may be intentional or it may not—of their husbands than from any other cause.

A woman neglected is just as dangerous as a woman spurned. Her soul yearns for those little attentions and appreciations which go to make the matrimonial life run smoothly.

Deprived of them in the proper quarter she turns in another direction often to find that the article she thought was gold is only gilded dress.



## TALE OF POISON IN BED

### ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HUSBAND.

A remarkable story of an alleged attempt by a husband to poison his wife as she lay in bed asleep was related to the Brighton magistrates when Harry Ernest Smith, advertising contractor, was summoned by his wife for persistent cruelty and desertion.

Mrs. Smith said her husband had repeatedly threatened to murder her. In 1917 they were living at Stroud Green, N., and she was employed at the War Office. One day she met her husband in Oxford-st., when she was chatting to the head of her department. A scene followed, and the police prevented her husband from killing her in the street.

A few days later, she said, she was awakened from her sleep by a burning sensation in her mouth, and found her husband pouring prussic acid into her mouth. He was arrested and charged at Highgate with attempted murder, but he appealed to her to return, and as she refused to give evidence the charge was dropped. A few weeks later he attempted to strangle her.

Smith said the attempted murder charge was trumped up by his wife for revenge. His wife's stories of cruelty were all fiction.

The magistrates granted a separation, and ordered Smith to pay his wife £1 a week and 5s. for each of the three children.

**BLOODHOUNDS HUNT.**

Bloodhounds are being employed in the search for Mr. T. M. Vernon, a Guiseley, Yorkshire, solicitor, who has been missing since Monday.

The dogs scoured the countryside between Guiesley and Baildon, four miles away, where it was reported Mr. Vernon had been see, but found the scent difficult owing to the recent rains and were withdrawn.

A reward of £50 is offered for information of the whereabout of Mr. Vernon. He is believed to be suffering from loss of memory.

## THE NEW-COMER.


NURSE TIME: "It's arrived, Sir!"
HARRIED BRITON: "Well, I hope it will turn out better than the last."

## £2,000 LOAN TO A GERMAN UNION.

### N.U.R.'S DECISION TO HELP BANKRUPTS.

The National Union of Railwaymen has decided to lend £2,000 to the German Railwaymen's Union to relieve the bankrupt position into which that organisation has fallen owing to the depreciation of the mark.

The sum of £2,000 represents something like 70,000,000 marks.

No cash will be forwarded until satisfactory arrangements for repayment have been made. These are now the subject of discussion.

The salaries of the officials alone have exhausted the union's treasury. A typist, for instance, costs the union 84,000 marks a year. At the normal rate of exchange that would mean £4,200. Actually it means about £2 10s. a year. Contributions of members have leapt to fabulous heights, but the union found it impossible to carry on, and an appeal was made to the British union by Herr Jochade.

## MODEL'S £20,000 CLAIM.

### HOME THAT WAS WRECKED BY A PHOTOGRAPH.

Mrs. Marion Morton O'Reilly, who enjoys the reputation of being the world's most beautiful model, has filed an action for £20,000 damages against the Wallace System of Physical Training. She alleges unauthorised use of her photograph as an advertisement.

In a declaration it is asserted (says the Chicago correspondent of the Central News) that the health institute obtained a photograph of Mrs. O'Reilly, which had been taken for her private use, and was not intended for public exhibition.

The picture, which the declaration asserts "showed the face and form of the plaintiff, her form in the photograph being then and there in tights which brought into relief her figure, and exposed the lines of contours of her figure," was inserted in advertisements broadcast through magazines, newspapers, and placards.

Mrs. O'Reilly declares that as a result her husband, a wealthy New York broker, has refused to live with her, and notified his attorneys to begin an action for divorce.

In addition Mrs. O'Reilly, according to the declaration, has been "held up to public scorn, ridicule and shame," and "has wholly lost the good name and reputation which she formerly enjoyed."

## SEVEN HOURS' GLIDE.

### FRENCHMAN SETS UP A NEW RECORD.

A new world's gliding record has been set up by Lieutenant Thoret, a French airman who is stated to have remained in the air at Biskra, Algeria, for 7 hours 3 minutes.

The flight was accomplished in an ordinary army biplane with the motor cut off. The biplane in which the flight was made was, says the Exchange, equipped with an 80 h.p. motor, the whole machine weighing approximately half a ton. The previous day Lieutenant Thoret glided in the same machine for 1 hour 45 minutes.

**"I HAVE BEEN A SCOUNDREL."**

"Suicide" was the verdict returned at an inquest at Hampstead on John Thomas McFarlane (53), of Upper Holloway, who fell in front of a train on Christmas Eve. The coroner found that the evidence was insufficient to show the state of his mind at the time.

McFarlane, who was a hairdresser, also acted as treasurer of the South Islington Sick and Provident Society, and it was stated that there was a deficiency in the club's accounts. In a letter to his son, received on Christmas Day, he said: "I have been a scoundrel. Kiss mother for me. Good-bye."

## BEWITCHING "BOLSHIES" OF THE LABORATORY.

### MODERN MAGIC DISPLAY

### CHANGING LIQUID COLOURS.

Singing flames, bombs manufactured and exploded while you wait, sugar that floats without dissolving at the top of your cup, rouge detectors—these are some of the marvels of the Scientific Novelties Exhibition, now showing at King's College.

Visitors, whose name is legion, are able to gauge in a single horrified, though fascinated glance the "h.p." of the magic which is displaying its wonders to their gaze. Here are samples of the notices and warnings liberally scattered about the exhibition.

"Stand clear! This experiment has nasty habits."

"Danger! 80,000 volts. Contact with this machine is fatal. Please keep away."

What an education for the Gradgrinds who are still too busy among us to-day.

Thomas Gradgrind, as readers of "Hard Times" will remember, believed in "nothing but facts, sir." But although the Scientific Novelties Exhibition is founded on the solid rock of fact, it has a superstructure of fancy. Not only children, who have an inalienable right to indulge in day dreams and to wonder, but grown-ups, will be thrilled by a visit to the exhibition.

Who, for instance, could resist a feeling of trepidation whilst waiting for an explosion which leaves a large test tube undamaged, when it is explained that another six inches added to the length of the tube would mean that one end would be blown out?

**WARE DETECTORS.**

Young ladies should be wary in handling the "rouge detector," for whether they have added a little colour to their cheeks or not the mischievous little tube will prove to their friends that their complexion has been "improved."

All boys in these days are fond of "bangs." These abound in the normally quiet rooms of King's College. Quiet-voiced men, who show no sign of Bolshevik tendencies, manufacture and explode bombs while you wait.

People who trust the evidence of their senses find their self-complacency wobbling when confronted with coloured liquids which change before their eyes—after they have committed themselves by naming the colour.

When a lump of sugar is put into tea in ordinary circumstances it sinks to the bottom and melts. But the sugar at King's goes down, and later returns to the surface without having lost its shape. The explanation is that having been treated with collodion it has become a mere shell, though solid enough to outward appearance.

The exhibition will remain open until January 10th, and if you want to keep up your reputation as a wise, discriminating, and yet indulgent parent, take your children. They will find the exhibition one long round of fascinating experiences.

Thus benefit will accrue to the hospitals of London, which are still needing funds to continue their beneficent work.

## HOMELESS CURATE.

### PAYMENT FOR LODGINGS IN WORKHOUSE.

Unable to secure suitable lodgings at Eye (Suffolk), the Rev. S. A. W. Huntley, the assistant curate, wrote to the Hartismere Board of Guardians asking to be allowed the use of a room at the Union House.

The Board allowed the Master of the Institution to receive Mr. Huntley temporarily in his own quarters, and fixed the charge at the rate of £80 per annum.

# WHY YOUR BEER SHOULD COST YOU LESS.

## PLAIN FACTS ABOUT PRICES AND PROFITS.

### NEW LICENSING BILL: CLOSING TIME CHANGES PROPOSED.

*(By Our Special Correspondent.)*

To-day beer costs the consumer well over double the price he had to pay in pre-war days, although the expenses of production have decreased during the past year or two. Why?

The public demand for a substantial reduction becomes more insistent each week, which is not surprising when figures are published showing that the profits of nine breweries last year were more than twice as big as they were in 1913.

In well-informed quarters there is a confident expectation that the next Budget will reduce the Beer Tax. In any event, the facts given below place the consumer's case beyond question.

Meanwhile, Sir Arthur Holbrook, M.P., seeks, in his new Licensing Bill, to make 11 p.m. the uniform closing hour on week days in London and other populous places, and 10 p.m. elsewhere. Universal 10 p.m. closing is proposed for Sundays. The measure also provides for the restoration of the pre-war privileges for bona-fide travellers.

The whole controversy surrounding the price of beer resolves itself into a question of hard facts. Here they are, stated briefly:—

The consumer is paying on the average 4½d. per pint more than he did before the war, and the gravity or quality of his beer is lower. He learns of doubled profits in certain cases, and yet he has failed up to now in his demand for a mere reduction of 1d. a pint. Incidentally, a bigger reduction than that will be necessary at this stage to satisfy the public.

Brewers are accused of profiteering. In reply, they admit that beer ought to be much cheaper, but it is explained that 1d. per pint is precisely the profit made by a few of the brewery companies, the majority making ¾d. per pint. Deduct the penny, and all breweries become profitless, some sustaining heavy losses. No other trading concern would be expected to consent to such a proposal, they say, so why the breweries?

Well, the consumer's answer is that he is determined to have cheaper beer, and the remedy must be found.

**THE COST OF TAXATION.**

The brewers say that reduction must come through decreased taxation, and the general consensus of opinion agrees that a change is overdue. A man who consumes two pints of beer a day has to pay 6d. or 7d. in taxes. Such taxation, unless proved to be absolutely unavoidable, is only supported by Prohibitionists, who want to make people "dry" by high prices, until they can stop liquor supplies altogether!

According to the figures furnished to me by one authority, the average price of good quality beer to-day works out at about 7d. I have a notion that a "bitter" in a saloon bar has usually cost me 4½d. per half Imperial pint (and you're lucky if you always get full measure!). But that does not affect the argument.

Before the war the average price was calculated to have been 2½d. Of that 2½d. taxation absorbed about one farthing, so that the actual beer cost was 2¼d. To-day 3 1-3d. of the 7d. per pint is swallowed by taxation, leaving the price of beer alone at 3 2-3d.

Therefore, the increase, apart from taxation, has been something less than 1½d.

**LITTLE FOR THE CONSUMER.**

The beer duty now stands at nearly 1,200 per cent. higher than it was in pre-war days, and, if it were reduced to 50s. per barrel it would still mark the extraordinary increase of nearly 600 per cent.

But no matter from what angle the question is regarded, this high taxation operates to the prejudice of the consumer.

A well-known brewery company, in view of reduced cost of production, improved the quality of its beer at an expenditure of £70,000. The Government, by the increase of tax based on the higher quality, took £55,000 in extra duty, so that the consumer benefited eventually only to the extent of £15,000.

In other words, of every 1s. 2d. spent on improving beer, the Excise grabbed 11d. and the people who drank the beer got the benefit in improvement of quality equivalent to an expenditure of only 3d. by the producer! That has been, with a few exceptions, the case all round.

### LICENSING REFORMS.

**PROVISIONS OF THE NEW BILL.**

Sir Arthur Holbrook, M.P., in an interview, enumerated some of the important provisions embodied in the new Licensing Bill which he is fathering in the next Session of Parliament.

The measure would restore the privileges of bona-fide travellers which were abandoned as a "win-the-war" concession. Of what use is it, asks Sir Arthur, for Parliament to foster the development of motor travel and transport, and then to legislate to compel people who avail themselves of the given facilities to go "dry"?

The wayfarer and the motorist now has to make himself independent of the licensing regulations by taking with him food and drink for his journey. A motorist who, during a long journey, arrives at licensed premises after closing time cannot procure any kind of alcoholic refreshment—unless he is remaining overnight. Of course, he may circumvent the law by dumping his luggage at the hotel with a view to giving the impression that he is going to remain, and after he has had his meal and his drink, intimate that he has changed his mind, and depart.

Another object of the Bill is to prevent any Prohibitionist from adjudicating on Licensing Benches, just as anyone connected with the licensed trade is "barred."

The power conferred on Licensing Justices of framing different permitted hours of sale in different districts has resulted in many unforseen anomalies, and Sir Arthur proposes 11 p.m. as the closing hour in London and surrounding districts, towns and populous places, and 10 p.m. elsewhere. He also suggests universal 10 o'clock closing on Sundays.

## SCHOOLMATES.

### ARREST THAT FRUSTRATED AN ELOPEMENT.

Had not the sailing of the boat on which he intended to travel been postponed it is probable that Henry John Waldron (29), a motor driver, would not have answered the charge at Barnstaple Police court of obtaining £34 15s. by false pretences.

It was stated in evidence, when he was sentenced to two months hard labour as a first offender, that he had booked to sail for Canada on Dec. 6, that the vessel's departure was delayed, and that he was arrested on Dec. 28, when he was preparing to board another vessel with a woman who was not his wife.

The evidence was that Waldron tendered to Mr. W. S. Hoare, at Barnstaple, a cheque for £40 in payment of a 5gs. account, and received the change. The cheque was made out to himself, and signed A. J. Wyatt, and was endorsed by Mr. Hoare under the impression that it came from a magistrate's clerk.

It was made out on one of two forms which had been borrowed, and was dishonoured.

Waldron was stated to have told the police after his arrest: "I have had a lot of trouble at home, and could not agree with my wife. It is because of this trouble I left home. . . . I shall plead guilty, pay whatever I have to, and go away again."

Pleading that Waldron should be treated as a first offender, Mr. B. T. James said that accused and the girl with whom he intended to elope were old schoolmates.

After demobilisation he met the girl, and owing to trouble at home became fascinated with her. Waldron has two children.

## ENTOMBED FOR FIVE HOURS.

### DOCTOR'S GALLANT WORK TO HELP MINER.

After toiling incessantly for five hours, a rescue party saved the life of a collier who was buried beneath a heavy fall of rock at the Ocean Company's pit, Blaengarw, Glamorganshire.

Stanley Maddocks, the victim, was travelling along a mine roadway with his horse and tram when the fall of roof occurred. The horse was killed, but Maddocks, although felled, was saved by projecting rocks.

Before the rescue was completed Dr. S. J. Rees, at considerable peril, crawled several times through a hole and gave stimulants to the entombed man. Maddocks escaped with a broken thumb and shock.

## FATEFUL LETTER.

### WOMAN WHO WROTE TO ACCUSED MAN.

Accused of the murder of his wife, John Brannon (35), a marine fireman, was sent for trial by the Barry magistrates to Glamorgan Assizes.

It was stated at a previous hearing that the alleged murder was committed after Brannon had received a letter.

There was a buzz of excitement in the court when the name "Mrs. Govier" was called. It was Mrs. Govier was alleged to have sent to Brannon the letter making charges of immorality against his wife.

She gave her name as "Mary Govier," and said that her husband was Lewis Govier, a labourer employed at the Barry Gasworks.

She admitted that she had drafted out the letter and dispatched it to prisoner by registered post. The handwriting was not hers, a neighbour having written the letter, but witness had written the original copy, and had read the letter over after it had been written by the neighbour.

She (Mrs. Govier) did not know prisoner, but had seen Mrs. Brannon several times, having spoken to her about her conduct with witness's husband.

In reply to questions Mrs. Govier said she went on one occasion to see Mrs. Brannon, but was so abused by her that she had to go away. Witness went to find the address of the owners of Brannon's vessel.

Did you write the letter in a temper? It had been going on for a long time. I did not know she was a married woman until a fortnight later, otherwise I would have told her husband.

Do you believe the contents of the letter to be true? Yes, I saw it myself. I would not dare to write it otherwise. I had been watching my husband and saw them with my own eyes.

A number of letters from the dead woman to her husband, and replies, were produced, and also a letter written by prisoner which was apparently intended for Mrs. Govier, but was found in the house.

**"SAFETY" OF PRISON.**

"I was released from prison for doing special work, and I was thrown into the world with two million others out of work. What chance had I? It would have been far better for my own safety to have been kept in prison."

Thus wrote Frank Hirst (47), a ticket-of-leave man, who, at Leeds West Riding Sessions, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude, followed by five years' preventive detention.

# DANGER OF SILENT DEATH IN THE NIGHT.

## GAS POISON PERIL.

## IRRITANT TO WAKEN SLEEPERS.

It is a decidedly disconcerting fact that one can die in one's sleep from gas poisoning without awakening. In my courts I have had a number of such cases.

This was the comment of the North-East London Coroner when he conducted the inquest on the three victims of the Bethnal Green gas escape. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Holloway and their 10-year-old son who were suffocated in their sleep at Gale's Gardens.

About 50 neighbours were affected by the leakage, which was traced after several hours' search to a main underneath the road

The coroner said the question occurred whether it was possible to lessen the poisonous ingredients in gas, or to introduce an irritant which would give rise to a cough and thus awaken the sleeper?

An expert witness replied that it was practically impossible to suggest an irritant gas which would rouse people from their sleep.

**VERDICT REVISED.**

When the inquiry was over the jury took the unusual course of revising their verdict.

They had found that death was due to gas poisoning, and expressed the opinion that the main from which the leak came—which passed under the road—was not laid with sufficient care.

Officials of the Gas Light and Coke Company complained that a verdict in these terms was not fair to the company. What would be negligence now, it was contended, was not negligence in 1880 when the main was laid.

As a result the jury, after consulting with the coroner, finally recorded their verdict in the following terms:—

"That the deceased persons died from coal-gas poisoning caused by gas escape from a fractured main pipe in the roadway, and that the pipe, though laid in 1880, in a manner involving no neglect at that date, fractured on account of its having been laid across some brickwork, which caused unequal support and consequent strain as a result of a subsidence of the subsoil."

The coroner suggested that members of the public should go to a police station whenever they detected such an escape as this

## GASSED IN KINEMA.

**MANAGER FOUND DEAD IN HIS OFFICE.**

While the audience were watching the performance at the Goldsmith-st. Picture Theatre, Nottingham, a tragedy was discovered in another part of the building. The manager, Mr. Harvey Saxby, had not been seen for some hours. A youth, passing his office, noticed a strong smell of gas coming from the room, and notified the police. Two constables found Saxby lying dead. One end of a flexible tube was in his nostril, and the other end attached to a gas stove.

At the inquest the widow stated that her husband had been ailing ever since the war. He was discharged from the army with wounds in the head, and occasionally became very peculiar in his manner. Of late these moods had been worse. She had never heard him threaten to do any injury to himself, but at times he was so depressed that she often wondered what would become of him.

A verdict of suicide during temporary insanity was returned.

## TWO EXPLOSIONS.

**AGED WOMAN AND LITTLE GIRL INJURED.**

Two explosions, caused by escaping gas, occurred at Dulwich and two persons were injured.

In Woodwarde-rd., East Dulwich, serious damage was done at the house of Mr. H. Gautrey. A quantity of gas had accumulated, and exploded with such force that the front and back rooms on the ground floor and their contents were wrecked.

Mrs. Eliza Bayley (62), was blown across one of the rooms, and was badly burned. Eileen Gautrey (6), was burned, but not seriously.

Shortly before the fire brigade had been called to Eastmearn-rd., where the house of Mr. E. H. Hawgood was on fire following a gas explosion. A great deal of damage was done before the flames were extinguished.

## VETERAN HORSES' FEAST.

**HOW SAN TOY RANG THE DINNER BELL.**

San Toy, the 31-years-old Army Service Corps horse, welcomed the New Year at the Home of Rest for Horses, Cricklewood, N.W., by ringing a bell to announce the annual dinner for the inmates.

At the first jangling of the bell above his stable door brown heads, grey, bay, and chestnut heads, were thrust from every other door in the quadrangle.

When two large wagons appeared laden with tempting luxuries, San Toy rang the bell louder than ever. One wagon was heaped with sliced carrot, with a sprig of mistletoe on top for luck; the other with sliced apple, little chunks of brown and white bread, and loaf sugar. Attendants soon appeared, and every one of the 58 inmates enjoyed a hearty meal from the delicacies.

San Toy saw service throughout the S. African and the European Wars.

## CRUEL FRAUDS.

**OBTAINED MONEY FROM BEREAVED PARENTS.**

Alfred Hopkins, otherwise Phillips, or Curtis, was sentenced at Wiltshire Quarter Sessions to 12 months' hard labour for obtaining money from relatives of men killed in the war under the pretence that he would supply enlargements of photographs.

It was stated that he destroyed the photographs, which in some cases were the only ones parents had of dead sons.

There were 17 warrants for his arrest relating to more than 100 alleged similar offences in Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire, Sussex, Surrey, Buckinghamshire, Wiltshire, and Gloucestershire.

# GOLD STOOL OF ASHANTI.

## "SWEARING FETISH."

## SACRED EMBLEM OF NATION'S POWER.

A romantic story of the desecration of the Golden Stool of Ashanti is contained in a Colonial Office report written by Mr. C. H. Harper, Chief Commissioner of Ashanti.

"The Golden Stool," Mr. Harper explains, "came into the life of the Ashantis during the time of Osai Tutu, the fourth known King of Ashanti. It was his good fortune to be the founder of the Ashanti Empire, and his successes were attributed to the power of "The Golden Stool."

The stool, which rested in the knees of Osai Tutu, was declared to contain the soul, the power, the health, the bravery, the honour, and the welfare of the Ashanti nation, and the people were assured that were the stool captured or destroyed the nation would sicken and die.

Accidentally unearthed from its place of hiding by a prospecting party as they cut a road through the bush, the stool was desecrated by the native finders who distributed its ornaments of gold among themselves.

Great was the excitement and consternation that spread with the news of this outrage.

How to deal with the accused, writes Mr. Harper, was a problem as perplexing to the Government as it was to the chiefs. Ultimately it was arranged that the chiefs should hold an inquiry and report to the Chief Commissioner, who would consider what punishment should be inflicted. The inquiry, before 3,000 spectators, lasted four days, and the chiefs found that five men, "being natives of Ashanti and subjects of the Gold Stool of the Ashanti nation, did expose, steal, destroy, sell, and otherwise unlawfully deal with and use the said gold stool.

These persons they recommended should be put to death; but this sentence was reduced to banishment overseas.

Three other persons, found guilty of receiving the stolen ornaments were ordered to "swear fetish." One of these agreed forthwith to pay a fine of £100, and as a mark of appreciation the chiefs reduced the fine to £70, one sheep and two bottles of whisky.

**WHISKY RITUAL.**

The ceremony of "swearing fetish" is thus described:—

"The fetish had its own retinue of attendants, umbrella, etc., and was generally treated as one would expect to see a chief of high standing, having all the paraphernalia due to chief's rank. It was carried on the head of one boy, and was covered with a rather expensive-looking carpet, and had at least 12 attendants. When it was uncovered it consisted of two brass bells. A layer of mutton suet was spread across the top of each, leaving the ring for hanging it free.

"Chiefs came forward and uncovered. Each then placed a hand on the top of a bell. One chief then came to the centre of the circle, took his foot from his sandal, and told the accused to place his foot on it. The chief then placed his foot on top of the accused's and administered the oath in the following form:—

"I swear by the Great Oath Kromanti, that if I am in possession of any of the ornaments of the Golden Stool, or have given possession of any of the ornaments of the Golden Stool, or have given possession of them to any person to hold in trust for me, may the fetish kill me.

"When the oath had been administered the chief took the larger bell, and holding it up to the accused's mouth, he touched it with his tongue three times, while one of the attendants kept ringing the smaller one. A new bottle of whisky was then opened, and a glass filled from it. This was handed to the chief, who spilt three drops on the ground, emptying the remainder over the accused's head."

# BURIAL SERVICE BY WIRELESS.

## CONDUCTED FROM SHIP 240 MILES AWAY.

A dramatic account of the first burial service by wireless in mid-ocean was brought to New York by the s.s. President Adams.

Captain A. Matthews, of the s.s. Hatteras, belonging to the United States Shipping Board, and bound for Belfast, was taken seriously ill There was no doctor on board the vessel, and a wireless appeal was sent out to passing liners for medical advice. The doctor on the liner Finland, after being told the nature of the captain's illness, sent a prescription by wireless, but despite this assistance, death took place shortly afterwards.

The President Adams, some 240 miles distant, next got into communication with the Hatteras, was informed of the captain's death, and learned that he was to be buried at sea.

A clergyman on board the former vessel volunteered to read the burial service, which was wirelessed to the Hatteras as the body was being lowered over the vessel's side into the ocean.

# £45,000 PACIFIC TRIP.

## SCIENTIST'S VOYAGE WITH THE SUN.

It was decided at a meeting of scientists at Burlington House, London, to form a scientific expeditionary research association to co-operate in facilitating expeditions to all parts of the world.

Sir J. Kenneth D. Mackenzie, who presided, said it had been decided to organise a research expedition to the South Pacific Ocean, with the intention that it should start early this summer and last about ten months.

Representatives of the societies concerned would be taken on this trip, and a limited number of Fellows of the association interested in science, who might desire to avail themselves of this opportunity for private study, would be permitted.

He suggested that the cost would be close on £45,000.

Commander D. Blair, the Marine Superintendent, said his idea was that they should "work with the sun," and, having visited various islands in the South Pacific, return by way of the Panama Canal

The question of finance was raised in the course of discussion, and it was announced that there were already 15 promises of £1,000 each.

It is understood that an attempt will be made to trace the track of the recent earthquake which did so much damage on the Chilian coast.

## WOMEN JURORS LATE.

**TARDY RETURN AFTER LUNCH INTERVAL.**

Two women sworn in to serve on a jury at Worcester Quarter Sessions exercised one of the privileges peculiar to the sex—they were late returning from lunch. Two men had to take their places.

"It is ridiculous to keep the Court waiting while you go for a 'blow out,'" said Mr. Willis Bund, the chairman, when they returned.

One of the women said she came back in good time, but floundered about vainly seeking the right entrance door.

"I hope you didn't have so much you couldn't find the right door," retorted the chairman.

## DOG LICENCE "ADS."

The Inland Revenue authorities have hired out the back of dog licences for advertising purposes.

It is not only the Budget that benefits, for the dog-lover who has paid his 7s. 6d. receives, in addition to the necessary permit to keep his pet for the year, some useful hints on its feeding and health.

# THE LOCAL VESUVIUS.

## REFUSE INCENSE.

## BERNARD SHAW'S LETTER TO LOCAL COUNCIL.

"Our local Vesuvius" — thus Mr. George Bernard Shaw, in an indignant letter to the St. Albans Rural Council, referred of a refuse dump near his country house at Ayot St. Lawrence (Herts), the fumes from which, he complained, "half-strangled" his household.

"My windows could not keep out the incense that rose from the dump," wrote Mr. Shaw. "All night long we struggled to sleep in spite of sore throats, nauses, and acute distress and disgust. . . .

"People who visit Wheathampstead with a view to buying land along the Luton and Dunstable loop line, where building development would naturally follow the railway, just take one glance and one sniff and the next train back.

**POOR COMFORT.**

"We are now assured that future dumping will be covered with nine inches of soil, as prescribed by the Ministry of Health. This is comforting as far as it goes, but it does not touch the existing nuisance.

"Meanwhile the acreage remains venting its poisonous gases and hastening the day when we ourselves will be covered with considerably more than nine inches of clay, and our only consolation is that the County Medical Officer faintly hopes that the gases will have given out after a year or so.

"On this point I can only say that I entertained some such hopes myself when that part of the dump which comes nearest to the road was left alone for some time, after a heap of old trays, perambulators, bicycle wheels and umbrella frames had been piously buried to tidy up the place a bit.

"I found the fires apparently extinct and the dump nearly covered with vegetation. It looked as if we had indeed seen and smelt the last of our local Vesuvius. . . ."

The Rector of Wheathampstead, Rev. A. M. Baird-Smith, said he cordially agreed with Mr. Shaw's remarks. The Minister of Health and the member for the division, he said, had admitted to him that there was a nuisance, and that it ought not to go on.

The Council decided to take no action.



# THIS MORNING'S LATEST LINES.

The visa on passports of British travellers to Spain is abolished.

One of five all-the-year-round bathers who took an early morning dip at Scarborough arrived on the beach wearing a straw hat.

When they were told that one of the tenants of the municipal houses, a man with eight children, was £2 10s. in arrear with rent, the members of the Hythe (Kent) Town Council subscribed £3 for him.

For killing one pig in sight of another a Folkestone slaughterman and his two assistants were fined 6s. 8d. each. They said one ran into the slaughterhouse while the other was being slaughtered.

**Street Musician's Earnings.**—After ordering a drop of whisky in a Bletchley hotel, a street musician changed his day's takings, 50s. in coppers, into Treasury notes.

**Woman Juror Fined.**—A woman grand juror at the Surrey Quarter Sessions at Kingston Miss Adele Eley, of West End, Chobham, Surrey was fined £5 for non-attendance.

**Saved By Basket.**—A heifer which ran away in the streets of Folkestone attacked a baker's boy. The boy successfully defended himself with his basket, which the heifer carried away on its horns. The animal was caught and killed.

**Censured Officers.**—At a Board of Trade inquiry at Cardiff into the loss of the steamship Francia off the north coast of France, Captain Horne's certificate was suspended for three months. The chief officer was censured for failing to keep a better look-out.

**Very Happy!**—In the last act of "The Happy Ending" at the St. James's Theatre, London, a canoe, which was supposed to be travelling in a rapid river, ran off the track, skidded, and collided with some fire buckets. Mr. Robert Loraine was slightly bruised.

**A Great Artiste.**—The remains of Miss Margaret Cooper were cremated at Golder's Green. A number of beautiful wreaths were sent, and to one of white heather and eucalyptus was attached a card with the inscription: "To a great artiste whose wonderful talent and the pleasure she gave will always remain a living memory.—Henry J. Wood and Muriel Wood, Queen's Hall, London."



At Petertille, St. Agnes, Cornwall, milk is retailed at 4d. a quart.

Edward Hope (64), a farm labourer, who had lived the life of a hermit in a sheep shelter at Rottingdean, died from exposure.

Through his horse slipping while he was riding to hounds at Northaw, Herts, Lieutenant-Colonel F. E. Fremantle, M.P., fell and broke his right collar-bone.

A motor-launch, 25ft. long, 6ft. beam, and driven by a 12-14 h.p. Kelvin paraffin engine, has been launched at Chiswick for use by the Transport and General Workers' Union.

At Hythe Town Council a motion by Councillor J. J. Jenner that no bathing tents should be allowed to be set up in front of houses on the parade, as it was not nice for young women on the parade to see people leaving the tents to go into the water, was defeated.

**Gold Coin Surprise.**—A man who drew 15s. from the savings bank at the New Bridge-st., E.C., Post Office, was handed two half-crowns and a half-sovereign!

**Missing Girl in Workhouse.**—Florence Ludgate (11), of Nuneaton, Warwickshire, who disappeared while looking for a 10s. note she had lost, has been found in the workhouse 200 yards from her home.

**Atlantic Fleet's Cruise.**—Ships of the Atlantic Fleet will assemble at Portland this week-end in readiness for their spring cruise to the Mediterranean, which will begin on Wednesday.

**Police Gratuities To Go.**—Essex County Council will be recommended to discontinue the 5s. gratuities to police officers for reporting offences in connection with local taxation licences.

**Boy Bridegrooms.**—The marriages of 369 boys below the age of 19 are recorded in the annual report of the Registrar-General for Scotland, which deals with the year 1921. Of these four were 16, 52 were 17, and 313 were 18.

**Woman's Pension Fraud.**—At Sedgley (Staffordshire), Anna Rosannah Walters (77), was fined £5, with £11 11s. special costs for making false statements in applying for the old age pension. It was discovered that more than £1,200 was standing to her credit at a bank.

**Serving Soldiers First.**—Two ex-soldiers, who have respectively 22 and 19 years' service to their credit, were evicted from their quarters at Woolwich Barracks, consequent on an order made by the county court judge, who held that the quarters were required for serving soldiers

# ONCE-A-MONTH FASHION HINTS.

(Conducted by MIMI.)

JANUARY, as far as new fashion ideas are concerned, ranks with July as being the dullest of months, the reason being that women are so busy hunting around in the sales that there would be no chance for any distinct change to get a viewing. I do not suppose that the few really rich ones who have new clothes every week of the year pay any attention to sales; but they, after all, are in the minority. The rest of us, especially we working women, during these delightful man-arranged months are too occupied in piling up stocks of goods which we can utilise during the next few months—either to our enefit or to our discomfort, for fter all it is not every woman who can buy either wisely or well at he mid-season sales. As a matter of act, the wise purchaser is almost as are as December roses in a London k garden.

There are dozens of "do's" for sale oppers, and there are just a few on'ts," among them being:

"Don't, when buying a party frock hich not only must last a long time ut is the sole representative of a ivolous gown in your wardrobe, hoose one in exaggerated fashion, of vid colouring or 'freak' decoration. After you have worn it twice, it will remembered."

"Don't, if you are short and plump, hoose a wide plaid or check design."

"Don't, if you are tall and thin, ring home a chemise frock, trimmed h a line of buttons from chin to , or carried out in striped mate- with the pattern running length- s."

"Don't buy a soiled frock, that will e to be cleaned before you wear

"Don't buy 'stockings with a little aw' until you are convinced that the damage is really slight, and don't wear your purchase without first of all repairing the damage with a needle and silk."

"Don't neglect the remnant ribbon basket, and lengths of brocade suitable for making into handbags, etc., should be obtained if possible. Trimmings are useful, for many an old frock can be given a new lease of life by a judiciously placed trimming."

"Don't, unless you are your own dressmaker, buy lots of remnants of dress material."

Household linen can always be purchased with impunity, and the haberdashery counter and the lingerie department are fertile bargain fields.

While hats are always unsatisfactory things to buy at a sale, this year an exception can be made where small shapes are concerned. For the big hat is already yielding place to the shape which is, after all, very much more convenient to the majority of business women, which means that the little hat is coming back to its own.

The little hat can be of any sort of material, draped with its own fabric and just trimmed with a buckle, finished off with a frill of lace just shading the eyes, or boast of "ears" of a totally different material and colour. The bell shape so becoming to girls and so unbecoming to their mothers will soon be very popular. It can be trimmed in many ways. Feathers, ribbon rosettes, flowers and quills placed at any angle are pressed into its service.

Other small hats have narrow brims broken in one or more places and their crowns are dented or firmly blocked. In short, the little hat can be made and trimmed in any way according to the fancy. Only two details are necessary to observe—there must be no all-the-way-round-alike look about it, and it must be in a bright contrasting colour to the costume with which it is worn.

Patterns may be had in the following tock sizes for:—

LADIES.

| STOCK SIZE | BUST. | | WAIST. |
|---|---|---|---|
| SMALL | [illegible] | – | [illegible] |
| MEDIUM | [illegible] | – | [illegible] |
| LARGE | [illegible] | – | [illegible] |
| O.S. | 44 | – | [illegible] |

MEN.

| STOCK SIZE | CHEST. | WAIST. | SEAT. | NECK. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SMALL | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| MEDIUM | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| LARGE | 40 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| O.S. | 44 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

CHILDREN.—State Age and Size.

BACK NUMBERS KEPT IN STOCK.

## THE HELPING HAND.

**RENOVATING CURTAIN RINGS.**—If rusty brass curtain rings are soaked in paraffin oil for 24 hours and then washed in hot soapy water they will look like new.

**CLEANING BEAD CHAINS.**—Tie up the chain in a piece of muslin or cambric. Plunge the bag into a basin of luke-warm suds to which a teaspoonful of borax has been added. Keep the bag moving in this solution for five or ten minutes. Dry on a soft towel.

**CLEANING VELVET CUSHION.**—Lay the cushion in the centre of a large towel. Sprinkle thickly with powdered magnesia, rub gently into the pile. Fold over the towel and leave for 24 hours. Brush according to the nap with a dry whisk.

**55.**—Charming One-piece Frock for girls from 6-8, 8-10, and 10-12 years. The fulness is arranged on the hips and trimmed with buttons, the inset sleeves are gathered into wristbands, the slit fastening is made down the centre front under the knotted tie. 6d.

**56.**—Pretty Magyar Frock, fashioned in two contrasting materials finished with silk or velvet collar and cuffs. It fastens down the centre front and the fulness at the waist is arranged under a buckled belt of the material. 9d.

**57.**—Cosy Gaiter-Knickers for tiny tots from 1 to 4 years. 6d.

**58.**—Smart Double-breasted Reefer Coat for little boys from 2-4, 4-6, and 6-8 years. A practical little coat for wearing with any suit. 6d.

# STOCK POT OF KITCHEN LORE.

ALTHOUGH dietists decry pastry as an article of food, it is too firmly established a favourite ever to be "turned down." Of course, there are always people to whom their neighbour's meat is poison, and there is Pastry and Pastry—a good deal of the latter unfortunately, for it is not given to every cook to be a pastry maker.

But even if the gift of the light hand is not always present, there is no reason why there should be so many heavy and unpleasant fruit and meat coverings about masquerading under the name of "pastry." Good pastry making is more or less of an art, and, like the majority of culinary operations, requires attention to certain rules which, as it were, govern its successful achievement.

Cleanliness of every utensil that will be employed is absolutely essential. If the hands are at all inclined to be "clammy," wash them in warm water thoroughly before placing them in the flour. Pastry should be kept cool during the making, otherwise it will not be light.

When margarine is used instead of butter rather less water should be used; the same applies to vegetable fats, both of which contain more moisture than butter.

Never flour the rolling pin while holding the utensil directly over the pastry. Fine flour requires slightly more moisture than ordinary "household whites." Pastry must always be put into a hot oven, otherwise the shortening will melt before the flour is ready to absorb it. As soon as the pastry is browned cover it with a piece of kitchen paper and remove the dish to a cooler part of the oven to finish cooking. The reason why one so often meets a pie nicely cooked outside and still "runny" underneath is because this simple precaution has been omitted.

Whatever the contents of the dish, the crust must be pricked in three or four places before it is placed in the oven in order to provide places through which the steam which will be generated can escape.

Pastry can be "glazed" by lightly brushing its over with slightly beaten white of egg and then dredging it with sugar.

**SHORT PASTRY** is made by placing ½lb. of dry flour to which one teaspoonful of sugar has been added into a very dry basin, mixing in first of all a squeeze of lemon juice and a pinch of salt before adding the shortening. (For a rich crust, 4oz. of butter, lard or margarine; for a plainer one 3oz. are good average quantities.) Put it into the flour in one piece, cover it well, and rub it into the flour by crumbling it between the fingers with a light movement. When amalgamated, make a "well" in the centre, pour in slowly a little very cold water, holding the jug in the left hand, stirring the while with the right. Only enough water must be used to form a stickish workable dough. Flour the pastry board. Turn out the dough, work it with both hands until it is free from cracks, roll out with a floured rolling-pin with sharp strokes always in one direction on one side only. If it is not required for immediate use, leave in a cool place, but do not roll it again.

**FLAKY PASTRY.**—For flaky pastry 10oz. of flour, 7oz. of shortening are required. The butter should be left in a basin of cold water for some time before use. Sieve the flour, add a squeeze of lemon juice and a pinch of salt and mix well. Remove the butter from the water, dry it in a cloth and divide it into four pieces. Rub one quarter into the flour, add water to form a dough. Knead until free from cracks, roll out into a long narrowish strip. Divide up one of the remaining pieces of butter into small knobs and dot them evenly all over the rolled out strip of pastry. Fold into three. Turn half round so that the length runs from left to right, press down the ends sharply, and roll out again into a long narrow strip. Repeat until all the butter has been used up. Roll out the pastry to the required thickness, and if it requires widening, turn it right across the board and roll. Never roll in a slanting direction, but always straight from you. Flaky pastry, if kept in a cool place, can be made three or four days before it is required.

**SUET PASTRY.**—8oz. of flour, 4oz. of suet will make the covering for a meat or fruit pudding of average size. Mix the flour in the first place with half a teaspoonful of salt, and enough baking powder to lie on a sixpence. Shred the suet very finely, mix it thoroughly with the flour, add enough cold water to form a dough that, although soft, can be turned out of the basin without adhering to the sides. Work on a floured board with the hands until free from cracks and roll out to the thickness required. For a boiled pudding a quarter of an inch in thickness is a good depth, for a pie it should be rather thicker.

Address orders, PATTERN DEPT., "People," Milford-lane, Strand, W.C.2.

The following patterns are kept in stock in small, medium, large and O.S. sizes, and may be had by return of post. Requisition articles for the use of soldiers and nurses:—

Nurses' aprons, men's shirts, Men's night shirts, Men's undervests, 6d. each. Men's dressing-gowns, Nurses' dresses, pyjama suits, 9d. each.

# "THE PEOPLE'S" DOCTOR: HEALTH HINTS FOR THE HOME

*To-day we publish the fourth of a series articles by our Medical Correspondent the all-important subject of "Health the Home." "The People's" doctor ill deal each week with the most seasonable" maladies to which young d old are subject.*

*We suggest that readers should cut ut and file these articles for reference, they will be of inestimable value in event of sickness in the home.*

SCARLET FEVER.—A very severe infectious disease, epidemics prevailing at all seasons, with a predilection for children be- en the ages of two and twelve, but unusual at any time of life.

The virus is extremely active for a g time, and is usually spread ier by direct communication, in- ed clothing, or may even be con- ed by a third person. Contami- ed milk is a not uncommon means infection. One attack generally fers immunity.

The period of incubation is un- ally short, two or three days at utmost, and commences with tache, rheumatic pains in the ts and sore throat.

A rash appears on the second day, iffuse redness of small red points ch is generally most marked on chest, or at the flexures of the nts, whilst the glands at the angles the jaw are enlarged and swollen. The throat and tonsils are swollen, d the latter covered with patches yellow exudation.

The skin feels hot, and pungent. e extremely quick and fever runs h, whilst the tongue has a pecu- strawberry appearance.

Usually about the sixth day the rash fades and a peculiar peeling of the outer skin commences and continues from four to eight weeks.

During the first week the tendency is for the throat to get worse, with a rising temperature and great difficulty in swallowing and taking nourishment.

During the second or third week (the peeling stage) dropsy, with swelling of the face and ankles, is not uncommon, due to inflammation of the kidneys.

All grades of intensity are met with, from mild (in which the rash can only be found by carefully examining the joint flexures) to a severe septic condition with sloughing of the throat.

Other complications that may arise are:—

Purulent inflammation of the ears, causing permanent deafness, or paralysis of the face.

Inflammation of the heart or lungs.

It is believed that the greatest danger of spreading the disease is during the peeling stage. Isolation must therefore be kept up for at least six weeks from the onset and until peeling has ceased.

Scarlet fever is a notifiable disease, and, as a rule, best treated in a special home or hospital.

The general principles of management are:—

Daily tepid sponging.

Inunction of skin daily with some oily antiseptic.

Milk as a principle diet, with ice to suck in throat difficulty.

A minimum quantity of nitrogenous food when the kidneys are affected.

Frequent use of antiseptic sprays or gargles.

## WINS & HEREDITY.

### TENDENCY THROUGH EITHER PARENT.

The tendency to twins may be in- ited through the father as well as nother," said Dame Gwynne ghan in a lecture at the Scientific lties Exhibition in London on ility.

With the aid of a number of lantern trations, she showed that the oplasmic germ cell is the same in nals and in vegetables, and that threads or rods in each grow and k up, transmitting all the charac- es of the two parents, half the coming from each parent.

These threads," she said, "decide her you and I are to have such a e as a Greek nose. Every single al characteristic is represented ne or other of the rods."

Apparently, too, papa and mamma do not agree. One "bosses" the r. No particular inherited cha- istic is therefore a mixture, is directly inherited. The sub- ed one remained dormant for a ration or two, but broke out and me dominant in its turn.

eral characteristics, she added, not inherited in the same way physical ones; they depended on y factors, and were partly due to ning. Left handedness is in- d.

## THE VACANT CHAIR.

### FULL COURT BUT NO PRISONER.

There was only one vacant place in court when the Mayor five magistrates, over 50 jurors and a large number of police assembled at Bath Guildhall at the opening of the Quarter Sessions. The vacancy was in the dock.

The man who should have answered the only charge on the calendar had escaped from custody a month previously.

He was Eric Martyn, aged 24, an engineer, of Wandsworth, London, who had been committed for trial on a charge of stealing a motor-car. He escaped from two warders at Winchester Station on Dec. 4, and has not been recaptured.

Although it was certain that he would not come to Bath to stand his trial, the due formalities of the law had to be observed.

The recorder, therefore, gravely delivered his charge to the grand jury. The grand jury retired and deliberated for 40 minutes, returning at the end of that time with a true bill against the missing prisoner.

To give him every chance of putting in an appearance, Martyn's name was called through all the corridors, but, of course, there was no response.

The recorder then discharged the grand and petty jurors, with the city's thanks for their services.

## NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

### LONG LIST OF KNIGHTS.

Only Departmental Honours are contained in the New Year's List.

The announcement of political honours is postponed, until the recommendations have been considered by a Privy Council Committee in accordance with the report of the Royal Commission on Honours.

General Sir Nevil Macready, formerly commanding the British forces in Ireland, has been created a baronet, and Dr. Bernard Spilsbury, the pathologist, and Mr. H. S. Theobald, the blind K.C., who has just retired from a Mastership in Lunacy, have been made knights.

The remaining chief honours are as follows:—

**BARONETS.**

Thomas Paxton, Lord Provost of Glasgow.

General Sir Nevil Macready.

**KNIGHTS.**

Joseph Calvert, Chairman Middlesbrough Employment Committee.

Thomas Basil Clarke, for public services in Ireland.

Thomas Edwin Cooper, Architect of Port of London Authority's new buildings.

Hon. Reginald William Coventry, K.C., for services to the Joint Committee, St. John of Jerusalem, and British Red Cross Society.

Pro. D. Drummond, Vice-Chancellor, Durham University.

William Heaton Hamer, Medical Officer of Health for London.

Edward Richard Harrison, Chief Inspector of Taxes, Inland Revenue Department.

Captain Henry Gisborne Holt, lately Comptroller to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

John Hunt, Town Clerk of Westminster.

Edward Manville, M.P., for services to the Board of Trade.

Colonel Charles Langbridge Morgan, Member of Disposals Board.

Dr. Bernard Henry Spilsbury.

Herbert Edwin Pelham Hughes-Stanton, R.A., President of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours.

Henry Studdy Theobald, K.C.

Skinner Turner, Judge of the Supreme Court for China.

Thomas Hunter Urwick, British member of Managing Board for Restitution and Reparation in Kind, Reparation Commission.

**INDIAN KNIGHTS.**

There are a number of knighthoods for services to or in India.

**FOR GALLANTRY.**

Fifty more members of the Order of the British Empire have been created, and the medal of the Order has been awarded to Mr. Albert Waterfield, a keeper at Richmond Park, for gallantry.

### BUTLER VINDICATED.

When Henry Spiers, a butler, was charged on remand at Sharnbrook Petty Sessions, Bedfordshire, with stealing a £2,000 pearl necklace belonging to Mr. Fred Vogel, at Milton Ernest, and also with stealing a bottle of gin and a bottle of whisky, Mr. Marks, prosecuting, asked to be allowed to withdraw the charges.

Mr. Farr, for Spiers, objected to this, and asked that the charges be dismissed. The Bench adopted this course and discharged Spiers.

## MONEY WITH NO CLAIMANTS.

### MISSING HEIRS WHO ARE UNDISCOVERED.

In spite of careful inquiries and numerous advertisements in the Press, many heirs still remain missing.

Among the more important cases of "lost heirs" are the following:—

The nephews of Lady Eleanor McGregor, who died in 1875, are sought; also the heirs of Dr. Alexander John Sutherland, whose widow and six sons lived in London in 1881. William Norton, who left Norfolk 60 year ago, has not since been heard of; news is wanted of Eliza Lonsdale, who parted from her husband in 1871, or her descendants; and James Glasgow, the reputed son of James Glasgow, of Gibraltar, who died in 1863, is entitled to £9,000.

The children of William H. Turpin, of Oxford, deceased in 1859, are missing; John Murphy, believed to have been killed in the American Civil war, is entitled to an estate; and Mark E. Rogers is interested in property at Birkenhead.

The relations of Colonel Hall Clements, who died in 1832, are wanted; also the children of Elizabeth King, of West Ham, in 1907. Alfred Clark, believed to have been in the Irish Prison Service in 1887, is missing; Eleanor D. and Alice J. Brittan are supposed to have gone to Cape Town; and Charles Randle was last heard of in 1906 tramping to Leeds. Thomas H. Simm disappeared from his home at Gateshead without any warning; and Duncan McDougall is believed to have been lost in the foundering of a ship in 1872.

In addition, a large number of persons are sought by the Courts of Chancery; the Treasury Solicitor has advertised for the next-of-kin of many persons who have died intestate without known heirs; the War Office has published many lists of unclaimed effects of dead soldiers; and numerous rewards are offered for missing wills, birth, marriage and death certificates.

### HELD BY THE LEGS.

#### WOMAN IN THAMES MIDNIGHT DRAMA.

An exciting scene at midnight on the Thames Embankment was described at Bow-st., when Kathleen O'Connor was remanded charged with attempting suicide.

A constable said that shortly before midnight he noticed the woman in Westminster Bridge-rd. She was talking excitedly to a man. Suddenly she broke away from him, crossed the road, ran down the steps at the corner of the bridge, and went rapidly along the Victoria Embankment. She then pulled off her hat and coat and stood on the parapet.

He and another constable rushed towards her and were just in time to catch her by the legs as she was tumbling over into the river. She was sober, but very excited.

If she had not stopped to take off her hat and coat, added witness, she would have been in the water before he and the other constable could have got to her.

The woman, who was alleged to have attempted to drown herself some years ago, told the magistrate she was very sorry for what she had done. She could not help herself owing to "a feeling that overcame her at the moment."

## TRACKER OF CROOKS

### LINK WITH FAMOUS CRIMES.

Many famous criminal cases are recalled by the death at a hydro at Matlock (Derbyshire) of ex-Chief Insp. J. G. Littlechild.

Mr. Littlechild's association with Scotland Yard dated back to the end of the seventies, before the foundation of what is now known as the C.I.D.

He was engaged in the great Turf frauds case of 1877, when five men were sentenced to penal servitude for obtaining large sums of money from the Countess De Goncourt by an elaborate swindle, in which they used an English newspaper printed specially to deceive the victim, who resided in Paris.

It was discovered that certain police officials had been giving information to the chief conspirators, and Mr. Littlechild, then a sergeant, was called upon to arrest three of his superior officers.

As an inspector Mr. Littlechild was chosen to cross to South America for the extradition of Jabez Balfour.

He was afterwards employed on the investigation into the Phœnix Park murders, and in 1895 rendered important service in connection with the Oscar Wilde case.

Some 25 years ago Mr. Littlechild became associated with a confidential inquiry agency in the West-End of London, and was for many years the head of the business. Illness prevented him from actively participating in the concern during recent years.

The National Institute for the Blind has issued in Braille a text calendar for 1923, a calendar of events and phases of the moon and a pocket calendar.

## LOST RELATIVES.

**Particulars which must accompany each inquiry:—Name of missing person, how long since heard of (must exceed 1 year), relationship to, and address of applicants. Correspondence coupon must be enclosed. Send inquiries marked LOST to Editor, "The People," Milford-lane, W.C.2.**

WILSON, GEORGE.—Believed to be in London. Youngest [illegible] news of him.—Miss S. Wilson, c/o Mr. Watson, Ridgecombe House, Hindhead, near Haslemere, Surrey.

WILMSHURST, JOSEPH.—Last heard of about 12 years ago, then in Greenwood, B.C., Canada. Brother inquires.—Frederick Wilmshurst, 94, Mann-st., Walworth, London, S.E.17.

HOULIHAN, ANNIE (or Mrs. Quinn), who lived at 543, Third Avenue, New York, 30 years ago. Old friend seeks.—M. J. Lennon, 25, Station-st., Pennyymawr, Newbridge, Mon., England.

### FOUND.

I am writing to thank you for inserting the notice in 'The People,' as it has been the means of finding my brother. Again many thanks.—Tom Stratman, Broadmoor, Corfe Mullen, nr. Wimborne, Dorset.

## PENSION QUERIES.

"The People" is the recognised paper for obtaining reliable advice on:—

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| Pensions. | Separation Allowances. |
| Gratuities. | Demobilisation. |
| Employment. | |

Questions relating to Naval and Military matters must be addressed to:—

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In left-hand corner of envelope write "Pensions," "Separation Allowances," or "Gratuities" to facilitate sorting.

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**Names and addresses of questioners, not for publication, and nom-de-plume or initials against which the reply will appear must accompany the inquiry.**

## LEGAL.

**Correspondents must not send original documents or letters with their queries, as we cannot undertake to return same or accept any responsibility in connection therewith.**

TIM.—1. Depends on amount of increase in rates. Maximum increase is 40 per cent. of net pre-war rent and amount of increase in rates. 2. Sue in county court or deduct from rent. HAB ITS.—If you are a monthly tenant and have not received a month's notice to quit the present notice is bad. JIM.—If premises are business premises you are not protected under [illegible] Act. Change of ownership does not affect matter. INTERESTED.—Equally, if personal property. H. M. C. (S.W.11).—Liable for House Duty but not Income Tax. PUMPY.—If property in Canada it is a question of Canadian law, on which we do not advise. The particulars you give are not sufficient to trace descent of property. CAMEL HEAD.—Second husband can claim money. Write to Post Office. FAIR PLAY.—No lump sum due. Apply for the benefit and if refused request that matter be put before Ministry of Health. NIBRA.—Divisible between all children in equal shares. GRANLEY.—Yes, if an agreement with previous brewers. E. P.—Yes, if father over 60. Apply Labour Exchange. DISMISSED.—Advise you leave matter where it is. ILFORD.—1 and 2. You will want the deeds to prove your title and presumably these are with mortgagee's representative. 3. No. INTERESTED (Chelmsford).—No fixed amount. PEGGIE.—Write again and if no reply threaten to put matter before Law Society. LATIMER.—Must have a proper conveyance. Consult a solicitor. WELLINGBOROUGH.—Apply to have order varied. G. W. B.—Standard rent is rent as at Aug. 3, 1914, net rent is standard rent less rates. DAUGHTER.—Eldest son takes freeholds, personal property divisible between sons and daughters in equal shares. EXECUTOR.—No Legacy Duty if total estate under £1,000. PONTIN.—An order can be enforced. 1. It will be advisable to employ a solicitor. M. H. N.—[illegible] CONSTANT READER (Enfield Lock).—Make best arrangement possible. A. H. W. (Cambridge).—Employer must do so. G. E. B.—Yes. G. L. (Leytonstone).—No. COUNTRY READER.—No sufficient cause of action. AMMER.—No, sue in county court. NINE LOCKS.—No. E. M.—Wife entitled to all if estate does not exceed £500. OLD READER.—Yes. R. W.—All children in equal shares. WATCH.—Cannot take proceedings. HOUSE DUTY.—Yes. RUDALL.—Ask for an amended account. W. J. D. (Bedwas).—Act not passed. G. H. W. (S.T.C.).—Not entitled. A. H. (Watford).—Yes. G. E. S.—Gift fails. 30 YEARS READER.—Liable for duty. SPORTY.—Jan. 2, 1920. N. P. (Bristol).—From any H.M. Stationery Office, cost 1s. New list due this year—cost 4s. MOLLIE.—Yes, sue in county court. APROPOS.—1. From date of death unless provision in will to the contrary. 2. Twelve months. HOPING.—August, 1921. C. F. W.—You should apply to have order varied.

## MEDICAL.

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INSOMNIA (SLEEPLESSNESS).

Seek out the cause, if possible, such as mental anxiety, or excessive brain work, dyspepsia, heart affections, alcoholism or neurasthenia.

REMEDIES.—Try simple remedies as a sharp walk before bedtime, elevating the head when sleeping, cold compress to nape of neck, drinking a glass of hot milk or water lying down, massage of the abdomen, thighs and legs.

The following is a useful draught:—

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| Sodii bromidi | 15grs. |
| Syr. papaveris | 1dr. |
| Aq. dest. | to 1oz. |

UNCOMFORTABLE.—(Gastric Indigestion).—Take regular light meals at fixed times and nothing between. Eat your food slowly and masticate thoroughly. No fluid with food, but a glass of hot water an hour after. Also 1oz. of this mixture before two principal meals. Sodii bicarb. 2drs., ammon. carb. 20grs., tinct. nucis vom. 40mins., spt. chlorof. 1dr., info gentian co. to 6ozs. R. W.—You will not succeed with a child of eight. Try one or two glycerine suppositories (large size) pushed high up into position. WHITE FACE.—(Blackheads). They must be pressed out with a large watch-key. Then the face well washed with a good soap and dried with active friction. A. B. (Soft Corns).—Cut a hole in a piece of felt and place between the toes. Fill the hole with dry salicylic acid powder with cotton-wool over. Repeat this process, and it should destroy them. PAINFUL.—(Sciatica).—Keep the leg up at rest as much as possible and take 1oz. of the following three times a day. Ext. cimicifuga liq. 2drs., sodii salicylatis 2drs., tinct. colchici 1dr., aq. chlorof. to 6ozs. A. W. W. A. (Palpitation).—Your diet is quite correct. No red meat and no stimulants of any kind. Take also 1oz. of this mixture three times a day after meals for three weeks. Potass brom. 2drs., potass bicarb. 1dr., potass iod. 1dr., spt. ammon. co. 2drs., infu. cinchonae to 6ozs. T. H. R.—(Chronic Sore Throat). You had better give up smoking for a time. Study your digestion and take a small teaspoonful Glauber salts every morning in hot water on rising. Use the following gargle frequently: Glyce. acid tannic 2drs., glyce. boracis 3drs., aqua to 10ozs. A. G. R.—(Stomatitis). Keep your mouth washed out several times a day with this wash: Potass chloratis 1dr., info cinchonae to 10ozs. C. B. A.—(Atonic Dyspepsia). Take 1oz. of this mixture with each meal: Acid nitromur. dil. 2drs., liqr. strychninae 1dr., aq. chlorof. to 6ozs. Have a change of air if possible and plenty of outdoor exercise.

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## MILITARY AND PENSIONS.

CATO asks if a service pension is assessable for income tax. Yes. TRIXIE is 31 and asks what amount he would receive for part commutation of permanent pension. There are no scales for men under the age of 35 in the War Office commutation regulations so far and the Ministry of Pensions has not yet issued its Commutation Regulations under Section 7 of the War Pensions Act of 1921. MRS. T. W. asks what is the "standard of need" under the parents' pension scheme for (1) one parent, and (2) two parents: (1) 20s. a week, (2) 30s. a week. OLD SAPPER rejoined for the Great War as a pre-war pensioner and had his pension accordingly reassessed under A.O. 325 of 1919. He asks if he is entitled to count his pre-war Reserve service or his Great War Colour service in the assessment. Neither, more's the pity. OVER THE TOP asks if boy service counts for anything at all, as his four years of service under this heading have been ruled out in assessment of his pension under A.O. 325 of 1919. Boy service counts towards the L.S. and G.C. Medal and towards the service increases on lump sums payable for specific minor injuries under the Final Awards Regulations. MRS. T. R. asks what is the age limit for increase to the pension of a pre-war widow under the Pensions Increase Act. 40. ABSENT asks if Service Pay was in vogue before the War. Yes. Service Pay was superseded by proficiency pay in 1906. OLD HAD SOME asks if it is possible for a soldier to draw deferred pay under the old scheme and the Pay Warrant for service gratuity under Art. 1117 of the 1914 Warrant as well. No. DISSATISFIED asks what is the sum payable for loss of one phalanx of index finger of the right hand. £50, with usual additions for rank and service. SHAKE asks what is the total disablement pension payable in the case of a Canadian soldier. The latest figures before us show that (allowing for a normal rate of exchange) the 100 per cent. pension paid to a private under the Canadian Government scheme is 41s. 7d. a week, with an extra 7s. 6d. for a married man. OLD TERRIER asks the conditions for the Territorial Efficiency Medal, granted for 12 years' efficient service in the Territorial Force. This period must be continuous and there must be a minimum of 12 trainings to count. But one year of service in the Great War counts as the equivalent of two years' peace training.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

QUILL PEN.—Opened by Queen Victoria at Sydenham June 10, 1854. PHILATELY.—It will most likely become valuable in time. Consult David Field, 44a, Dover-st., W.1.

## PATENTS.

MULLIN (Ireland).—Details required, when information can be supplied. MECHANIC (Brighton).—Your idea quite good but not novel, therefore incapable of protection. HUMPHREY (London).—Full particulars of "What To Invent" forwarded as requested.

## SPORTING.

L. M. (West Worthing).—Tickets are not available to the general public. See notice at head of "The Turf." A. N. E. (Hainham).—"Larry Lynx" is not acquainted with any member of the club. SWEEPER II. (Paddington).—The Grand National Sweepstakes of £10,000, organised by R. J. Duggan, Dublin, is a genuine concern, in which the Lord Mayor of Dublin is interested. W. A. T. W. (Plaistow).—See reply to "Sweeper II. (Paddington)."

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## THE CONFERENCE AND AFTER.

The Reparations Conference is dead, and the only consolation remaining is that those who killed it did so in the most polite and friendly manner. The rupture leaves no bitterness behind it, but disappointment is keen on both sides.

France and Britain are divided not on principles, but as to methods; both wish to make Germany pay; but the one would compel, the other would enable her to pay. The British Government apparently look to the future rather than the immediate present; France will not or cannot wait.

There can be no doubt that Germany has been working for the result which has now come about. She has never intended to meet her obligations if they could be avoided. She is probably very pleased to have divided France and England on this matter, but how long her pleasure last we would not like to prophesy.

If France occupies the Ruhr, as she will if her demands are not met, Germany may yet have reason to regret her crooked conduct. With French engineers and financial experts overlooking their industries and profits and prying into their private affairs, Herr Stinnes and his fellow-magnates may change their views as to the advisability of helping in the restoration of Germany's financial position. France's servants will not be too squeamish in the discharge of their duties.

In the meantime, however, it is to be feared that much harm will be done to the cause of European stability and prosperity. Mr. Bonar Law believes that the action of France will not only fail in attaining the desired results, but will probably have a grave and even disastrous effect upon the economic situation. The British delegates are said to believe that in six or eight months France will be ready to consider the British plan.

The action of the United States will be of profound interest in this connection. President Harding is discussing the situation with Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, and Mr. Harvey, U.S. Ambassador to Britain. The former has already suggested that in the event of a failure to agree in Paris an International Commission of financial experts should investigate the whole position of German finances with a view to making an impartial report of what reparations she can pay.

The conclusions of such a body would be received with respect, and would help materially to clarify the present obscure position. Once we knew on impartial authority what Germany could pay, which, according to Mr. Bonar Law is considerably less than is now demanded, there would be far less difficulty in bringing her to book.

## SAVE THE CADETS.

Something must be done to save the cadet corps throughout the country from the disaster threatening them in consequence of the pending withdrawal of financial aid by the Government. The present War Office grant amounts to £40,000 per annum, including charges for equipment, camp gear, etc.; small enough having regard to the excellent results achieved by the Cadet Training Association. The movement is not essentially a military one; its principal aim is the sound physical and moral training of the country's youth, and any money spent to such purpose is a sound national investment.

The demand for economy is one that cannot easily be resisted in these days; but we think our over-staffed administrative departments would offer a more profitable and less objectionable field of operations for the economists than the Cadet Training Corps. We hope the public will step into the breach and save the cadets from extinction. It is suggested that the Education Minister be approached, and no doubt he would be sympathetic, for it is a matter that well might be dealt with by his department; but as the Treasury is supposed to be behind the withdrawal of the grant we do not quite see what the Education Ministry could do. Sir Charles Wakefield is calling a meeting of the National Association of Cadet Training to consider the question, and we hope strong public support will not be lacking.

## DAZZLE-LIGHTS.

### JURY'S RIDER AT INQUEST ON GIRL CAR VICTIM.

At the inquest at Warminster (Wilts) on Vera Morgan, a six-year-old girl, who was killed in a motor accident, the jury, in returning a verdict of accidental death, added a rider that all cars should have the new patent gradual dimmers on their headlights.

The coroner said this was a valuable suggestion.

The evidence showed that the girl's mother carrying a baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, the former wheeling the girl Vera, in a push-chair, were walking towards Bishopston in the dark.

They had no sooner noticed a car with brilliant headlights approaching than another car ran into them from behind. Vera's skull was fractured, and Mr. Butcher suffered broken ribs and other injuries. The others had lucky escapes.

Mr. W. J. Mayne, owner of the car which ran into the party, said he sounded his horn, but the headlights of the other car dazzled him. He was using dimmers.

The jury exonerated Mr. Mayne.

## DETECTIVE PRAISED.

### STREET STRUGGLE WITH OFT-CONVICTED MAN.

The justices at Richmond commended Det.-sgt. Milner for the intelligence he displayed in arresting John Webber (50), ship's steward.

Webber was behaving suspiciously in the hall of the house occupied by a Mrs. Evans when he saw the detective watching him and hastened towards Kew. Overtaken, he gave unsatisfactory answers and was arrested. A struggle followed and a policeman had to go to the detective's aid.

It was proved that Webber had many previous convictions and had failed to report. He was sentenced to three months' hard labour for being a suspected person.

## CHICHERIN—A PERSONAL SKETCH.

*(By One Who Knows Him.)*

THE interesting and significant fact that Lord Curzon has had an hour's private interview with M. Chicherin, the head of the Russian Soviet Delegation at Lausanne, must have surprised a great many people who probably found it difficult to picture that nobleman in conference with a Russian Revolutionary.

As a matter of fact, Lord Curzon doubtless found in M. Chicherin everything that his punctilious tendencies could demand.

In the first place, the Russian statesman is in every sense of the word a polished gentleman, both in appearance and manner. Of a good family and schooled under the old regime, in all the polite arts of diplomacy, M. Chicherin, whatever may be his attitude at the conference table is courtesy and urbanity itself in ordinary circumstances.

Surprising though it may seem, in view of his public attitude, there is nothing querulous, cynical, fanatical, or even visionary in his nature.

Conversation with him reveals the fact that he has a thorough knowledge and appreciation of the world at large, and that he is more than ready to listen to and discuss politics and the European situation generally from every point of view. At the same time, no Russian that ever lived possessed a more vivid sense of Russian nationality and pride in his country, combined with confidence in its future.

Viewed as a personality, M. Chicherin is one of the most remarkable figures at Lausanne. A man evidently of middle age, with the years sitting lightly on him, he is a marvel of energy and vitality. He scarcely ever sleeps. Indeed three or four hours cut of every 24 is all that he allows himself for repose.

Such is his activity, that there are three relays of secretaries and stenographers to minister to his official requirements, and any other arrangements would probably lead to the physical collapse of his staff. Day and night, he is writing or dictating, and his favourite time for interviews is between 11 o'clock at night and 4 o'clock in the morning, often lasting until 5 o'clock. He is at work again every morning soon after eight. About 3 a.m. he generally regales himself with a light supper, to which those who have the energy to converse with him at that hour are invited.

While he talks he jots down notes of the conversation, all of which are afterwards transcribed by his secretaries, and probably by this time his report of his doings at the Conference must fill volumes. In a word, so far as work goes, he is practically three men rolled into one.

By granting a private interview to M. Chicherin, Lord Curzon has shown a wise determination to get "to the root of things" so far as Russia is concerned.

What passed at the interview is a matter which can only be known to the two statesmen, but of this we may rest assured, viz., that such a "conversation" can be productive of nothing but good, not only for Great Britain and Russia, but also the world at large; for such methods greatly help to dispel that atmosphere of suspicion and misunderstanding which has hitherto been the bane of every European Conference.

## BYGONE CAKES AND CHIVALRY.

THE Sixth of January! Twelfth Day, not so many years ago one of the most frolicsome holidays of the year, has come and gone, and not a single heart has beaten more rapidly because of it; and not a single pastrycook's shop has blossomed out into wonderful cakes in honour of the day.

And so the old order changeth, and perhaps not always for the better.

It was by a law passed as long ago as the reign of King Alfred of blessed Burnt Cakes memory, that the Epiphany was made the last day of the Christmas festivities, but history is not unkind enough to suggest that there was any ulterior motive in making magnificently decorated and perfectly baked Twelfth Cakes the outstanding feature of the day!

From time immemorial, the Epiphany, called Twelfth Day because it falls 12 days after Christmas Day, was celebrated in England in a manner peculiarly its own, in the times of chivalry, by tournaments and grand entertainments at the Court, by parties and balls in private houses, and by jovial junketings in the country side.

On Twelfth Night in 1753, George II. played hazard for the benefit of the groom porter, all the Royal family who played being winners, particularly the Duke of York, who won £3,000, while the principal losers were the Duke of Grafton, the Marquis of Hartington, the Earl of Holderness, the Earl of Ashburnham, and the Earl of Hertford.

But with the people generally, up to comparatively a few years ago, it might be called Pastry Cook's Day, for from early morning until dusk they would be engaged in dressing their windows with cakes both large and small, and all decorated with wonderful designs and figures in snow-white confectionery painted with variegated colours.

Crowds would besiege the shops, buying and looking on, and being made victims of by the boys of the town, whose great delight was to dexterously nail the coat tails of spectators, who ventured near enough, to the bottom of the window frames, or pin them strongly together by their clothes.

Sometimes eight or ten persons finding themselves joined together in this fashion, while the withdrawal of the nail without a proper instrument being out of the question, the victim often left the scene with a part of his coat left behind, to the great and derisive delight of the perpetrators and spectators.

Then, when evening came, there were joyous parties in many houses, the cutting of the cake being the principal feature, for hidden in it would be a pea and a bean, the chance recipients of which would be king and queen of the evening's festivities.

The origin of these celebrations was undoubtedly to commemorate the visit of the Magi to the infant Christ.

During an interval in "Decameron Nights" at Drury Lane Theatre last evening the Twelfth Night Cake, bequeathed by Robert Baddeley, was cut in the presence of the principals of the company.

Originally a cook to Samuel Foote, the dramatist and actor, Baddeley also became an actor. He bequeathed "One hundred pounds three per cent. consolidated bank annuities which produce three pounds per annum to purchase a Twelfth Cake, wine and punch, which the ladies and gentlemen of Drury Lane Theatre are requested to partake of every Twelfth Night."

## FAKED SEANCES: TALES OF TRICKERY BY SPIRITUALIST MEDIUMS.

The conviction of a spiritualist medium has once again raised discussion on the subject generally. A special representative of "The People" says:—

It is the easiest thing in the world for a person to style himself a "medium" and attract a considerable following of believers in his supernormal powers.

For many years Captain Maskelyne's family devoted considerable time to the investigation into the powers of so-called mediums, and in no case was a genuine example of mediumship proved.

The most common instances of trickery are in connection with spirit photography. Any person who knows anything at all about photography knows how easy it is to "fake" a picture. It matters not whether the plates used be specially supplied, loaded and developed by the sitter, or whether the photographer uses his own plates the trickery is a very simple matter.

Captain Maskelyne himself performed a "spirit photography" trick twice daily for seven months, and even then the trick was not detected. Frequently people would bring their own plates but the result was just the same.

As long as there are any strangers present at a seance nothing of an evidential character can be obtained.

With trance-speaking and clairvoyance there is as yet no proof on either side. One school of opinion is opposed to the other, and there the matter rests.

Some so-called clairvoyants, however, have been known to give a vague message to one of their audience, and at the same time "pump" the person for information. Then after an interval of several minutes, the "medium" returns to the person and gives out the information previously extracted. And the audience hails the message as marvellous!

With physical phenomena the fraud is much more apparent, and certain phases of it have been so often exposed that they have fallen into disuse. Materialisation, for instance, has been discontinued entirely; while the "poltergeist" trick in which "spirits" throw articles about in a dark room is now rarely practised.

In one instance of the latter kind the medium used to be strapped in a chair and the room plunged into darkness. Immediately objects of all descriptions were hurled about the room. This would continue for 20 minutes or more. Then, when the light was put on again, the medium was still bound up in his chair apparently unmoved.

One sitter, however, was determined to solve the matter and ascertain whether the phenomena were genuine. So when next the medium was tied in his chair a sheet of paper was placed under his feet and a pencil line drawn on the paper round the outside of his boots. If the medium moved the lines would no longer coincide with the position occupied by his feet.

The lights were extinguished, and the pandemonium began at once, and when the lights went on again the medium's feet coincided perfectly with the lines drawn round them.

But alas! The intelligent investigator decided to inspect both sides of the paper, and found his own pencil marks on the other side!! The paper had been turned over and fresh lines drawn on the other side of it.

At another circle where spirit messages were obtained by table tilting, the medium left the district rather suddenly. The remaining sitters decided to continue their circle and try to "develop a medium" among themselves. Good results were speedily forthcoming; but after a while the sitters noticed that nearly all the "spirits" were known only to a certain member of their party—an Irishman. This sitter was then accused of knowingly tilting the table.

Eventually, under pressure from his fellow-sitters, he confessed, remarking that "he had done his best to believe in spiritualism."

The latest practice of spiritualists—trumpet seances—Captain Maskelyne confessed he had had no opportunity to investigate. The reason for this was that not only were these sittings conducted in an obscure light or even in total darkness, but the spiritualists imposed very strict conditions. The result was that if a person made any serious endeavour to detect a fraud, and the sitting broke down the inquirer was blamed for having "disturbed the vibrations," or having caused inharmony by some other means.

## REVOLVER SHOTS AT A FAMILY RE-UNION.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY DRAMA.

### MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF SON-IN-LAW.

A man was shot dead and two women seriously injured in a sensational shooting affray which occurred on New Year's Day at Sunderland.

Shortly after six o'clock Bernard Quinn, a labourer, aged 30, was sitting in his house in Woodbine-st., Hendon, on the outskirts of Sunderland, with his wife, Elizabeth Quinn, aged 28, and Elizabeth Cassidy, aged 58, her mother.

The party were seated in front of the fire. Quinn was playing a melodion and the women were singing popular songs.

Suddenly, it is alleged, Daniel Cassidy, aged 59, employed at a smithy in the neighbourhood, rushed into the house and fired a revolver.

Quinn, who is Cassidy's son-in-law, fell dead and the two women received grave wounds and are now lying in hospital.

Cassidy was tackled by a civilian when he ran from the house and handed over to the police.

Later Cassidy was charged at Sunderland Police Court with the murder of Quinn and with wounding his wife and daughter. He was remanded, pending instructions from the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The story of the tragedy was outlined by the Chief Constable (Mr. F. J. Crawley), who stated that another daughter of Cassidy—a Mrs. Hodgson—was in the room at the time, as well as her little boy, but both escaped injury.

The Chief Constable described how the civilian, James Coggins, after a struggle, took the revolver from Cassidy's hand, and felled him with it.

Coggins was struck with the butt of the revolver before he overpowered Cassidy, but he succeeded in securing accused.

The Mayor, addressing Coggins, said that the magistrates agreed with the Chief Constable that his act was a brave one.

He had acted the part of a true Britisher, and they congratulated him upon the pluck he had shown.

#### PATHETIC COURT SCENE.

There was an element of pathos in the proceedings, which were of a brief character.

Cassidy, a slim built man, who was wearing a bandage round his head, in mounting the stairs leading to the dock, groaned very loudly, and on appearing in the dock had his arms crossed over his chest.

He had complained of pleurisy, and was said to have had an attack of this complaint during the night.

Two of his daughters, each carrying babies, saw him enter the dock, and they broke down, sobbing bitterly as they were led out of the court.

The Chief Constable said that the revolver had six spent cartridges in it when the policeman took charge of the weapon, but only five shots had been accounted for.

Quinn was shot through the heart with one of the bullets, and another entered his brain. Elizabeth Quinn had two bullet wounds in the abdomen.

Cassidy has since been remanded charged with the murder of his son-in-law and with wounding his wife and daughter.

#### HUSBAND AND WIFE APART.

It is stated that Quinn was a native of County Down, Ireland, his mother at present residing at Ballyhinge, in that county.

Quinn went to Sunderland three years ago, and had worked as a bricklayer's labourer, but as a result of the depression in trade he had not been employed for a considerable time.

Another revolver was found in Cassidy's rooms when the police made a search of the house in which he resided a little lower down the street.

How Cassidy, who is also an Irishman, became possessed of these is not known.

It is said that Mrs. Cassidy lived in Manchester apart from her husband and that she had visited Sunderland to spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law.

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## MADE HIS OWN TOMBSTONE.

### AND LEFT SPACE FOR DATE OF DEATH.

Two funerals of an unusual nature took place on the same day.

Mr. Arthur Francis Leveson Gower, who was buried at Titsey, Surrey, had his tombstone prepared many years ago.

It bears the names and ages of his two wives, followed by his own full name and description as a knight of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and late Secretary of Legation. Then follows the date of his birth, 1851, and the words "He died — " with a blank space for the date.

"Please ask the parson," wrote the late Hon. Windham Baring in his last hours, "to thank all those who come to my memorial service for having spared the time from their offices to attend."

The letter was read by the Rev. A. Buxton, vicar of All Souls, Langham-place, W., at a memorial service at St. Peter's, Cornhill, E.C.

### NO STRAIGHT AND NARROW—

Mr. W. C. Fletcher, who read a paper at the annual meeting of the Mathematical Association, pictured a universe in which there would be no squares or rectangles, no straight lines, but only curves, no flat surfaces, but only curved surfaces, and assured his audience that the study of geometry based on these conditions was extremely fascinating.

### WILL OF ALLENBY'S MOTHER.

Mrs. Catherine Anne Allenby, of Felixstowe House, Felixstowe, who died on Oct. 31, aged 91, mother of Field-marshal Viscount Allenby, left £3,735.

Mrs. Allenby left to Viscount Allenby her silver inkstand, silver mustard pot and spoon, a small three-legged cream jug, and her dining-room clock.

# EDITH THOMPSON—GAMBLER.

## BLACK HER LUCKY COLOUR: MORBID TALKS IN A NIGHT CLUB.

**Where did Edith Thompson get her money from for the expensive luxuries in which she indulged?**

**Everybody is wondering how she managed to live at the rate of a thousand a year on the income of a millinery clerk.**

**The profitable manner in which many of the evening and holiday-afternoons, the spending of which has remained a mystery, were wiled away is revealed in the following exclusive article.**

*(By a Woman who ran a Gaming House.)*

EDITH THOMPSON was a phenomenally lucky punter at the tables of a certain obscure roulette club in the neighbourhood of the Tottenham Court-rd.

As certain friends of mine and I myself were at the time involved in the running of that club, it is obvious that I cannot disclose my name. Suffice to say that I knew Edith Thompson well—and that many pounds of my own capital and that of my friends have gone towards buying the clothes which have puzzled Edith Thompson's friends.

The club was a private concern, which was run under the disguise of a theatrical booking-office.

On one occasion, about two years ago, which occasion was the first on which I made her acquaintance, Edith Thompson won "en plein" on the number 24, and as her stake was a ten-shilling note, her winnings in that one coup were just under £20. She had a run of the usual novice's luck, and, if I remember rightly, her winnings during the first four or five visits to our club must have been well over £100.

Of course, we had to be very careful whom we admitted to the club. Strangers were only allowed if accompanied and vouched for by one of the ten original members.

The man who introduced Mrs. Thompson was middle-aged and well known to us. He rang us up one Saturday afternoon and asked if he might bring two friends—a girl and a man. They arrived about tea-time . . . the other "man" was a rather boisterous boy, who played wildly and lost all the loose money he had on him, and tried (and failed!) to get us to take a cheque.

I remember that Edith Thompson, who was duly introduced to me, took her stakes out of a "pay-envelope" of the kind that are distributed to the staff of most firms on Friday nights or Saturday mornings.

### MUDDLED WITH THE GAME.

In running a place of this description one gets used to weighing up types, and I remember that, at the time, I thought Edith Thompson an unusual person to meet at a gambling club.

When she first came in it was obvious that this was her first experience of roulette. She didn't know the rules and got very muddled up with the "squares" and the "columns." A little incident comes back to me. Our roulette "carpet" was marked in French; so was the scoring-card handed to new players. I remember remarking that Edith Thompson, though she read the French words out with a pronounced English accent, seemed to understand what they meant quite well, and wondering that she, who did not strike me as a particularly cultured woman, should have a working knowledge of French. It was only later that I learned from the man who had introduced her that she was a milliner whose business sometimes took her to Paris.

She staked with great precision and self-control. Sometimes she would let half-a-dozen spins go round without making a stake, noting the numbers which had come up carefully on her card. She only staked on black numbers and on the black "block." I remember her remarking to me

"Black seems lucky to me—not red!"

Edith Thompson was anything but a profitable investment for the "firm." She won consistently, and if, by any chance, she lost, she was a bad loser. She became sulky and suspicious.

I recall one occasion on which, after trying to reclaim her losses, she left a couple of pounds out of pocket, her saying to me, "Everything goes wrong in my life! I'm tied to a crocked-up husband who is tied to his mother's apron strings—and when I try to get a little life into the deadly monotony of things—even that fails!"

I recognised our one-time client so well in the letters to Bywaters that came up before the court. She spoke, just as she wrote, with a great gift for phraseology—a clear, keen, terseness of sentences that was typical.

I think she came half a dozen times to the club before we lost sight of her for a while. She was generally accompanied by the same man—sometimes by two or three other men—never by Bywaters or Thompson, as far as I know. Then she dropped out. It was about October of last year—a few weeks before the hasty dissolution of the club—that she re-appeared.

### DRESSING-TABLE CONFIDENCES.

She greeted me as an old friend. From that time onwards, though before we had only been on nodding and casual chatting terms, we became rather friendly.

She used to come with me to the little dressing-room behind the saloon to powder her nose and put on that lipsalve she used so indiscriminately.

No two women can share a looking-glass without exchanging a confidence!

I remember several things she said to me. She was by no means expansive, and seemed really to open out only when there were men there, but all the same it was her own words that made me think she was an unhappy, sensation-seeking girl who, by a turn of fate, had been planted in domestic surroundings uncongenial to her temperament.

"You know," she said to me one night, "I only live when I get these sort of surroundings. What is an office life, capped by evenings spent at home with a disapproving husband, for a pretty girl?"

On another occasion, she was laughing behind the back of the man who had brought her. "He thinks I love him!" she confided to me. "But I don't. Who could love anyone with a face like that? They're only good to give you a cheery time—I hate 'em all at bottom."

Another trait, apart from her slangy way of talking, was the delight she took in ordering my servant about. I remember one "gala" night, when Edith Thompson arrived in evening dress, and how she bullied the poor girl, who was doing her level best to adjust a refractory hook, and the airs she gave herself.

One night Edith Thompson, accompanied, for once, by two girls, arrived at the club. I saw at once that she was slightly intoxicated—there was an hysterical undercurrent to her vivacity, and she smelt strongly of wine which drowned even the very potent carnation scent with which she generally perfumed herself.

"Listen," she said, drawing me aside. "We've had a great game—given both my husband and my lover the slip!" (She generally boasted of the fact that she had two men in her life). "We left the City and came up West, and when we got out of the Tube at Piccadilly we saw a jolly car, with a good-looking boy in it, standing outside the Criterion, looking at a loose end. I was feeling right out for a spree.

### A MOTOR ADVENTURE.

"So I went up to the boy and asked him to take us for a spin. He rose at once—poor kid—he was lonely. When we got to Kensington we all got out and went into the saloon bar of a 'pub' for a drink. The boy was a regular sport. There was a famous sculptor there.

"The boy knew him by sight and he dared me to go up and ask him to have a drink. I did. He came and joined our party, and I won my bet.

"Afterwards I told the boy to drive us to Ilford. He was at a loose end, and seemed glad of something to do. I thought I'd score off my husband and Bywaters, and make them jealous, to see what they'd do. So we drove the fine-looking car up to the door of our house in Kensington Gardens, Ilford, and I got out and knocked. Perce opened the door. Freddie was sitting inside, smoking.

"'Come on,' I said to Perce, 'my friend's got a car here. Come down West with us!' I knew he wouldn't. He looked white and sour. That night I didn't care if it snowed ink. I tried to introduce Perce and the boy, but Perce turned round, saying something under his breath, and slammed the door. I didn't see Freddie, but I felt his eyes following me through the lace curtains.

"I didn't tell the boy that Perce was my husband. We stopped twice on the way back West for drinks, and by the time we were on the way to the West-End I was thoroughly primed up and ready for anything. I made the boy drive us to the Savoy. He thought he was in for a good time. But by then I was bored with him, and thought I'd give him the shork of his young life.

"So when the girls and I were out of the car, and he was just climbing out after us, I turned round to him and whispered: 'You'd better not come in—my husband's living here, and he's waiting for us in the lounge!'

"I'll never forget that boy's face—it was sheer devilment that made me do it. He just looked at me, got back into the driving seat, started her up, and drove away! Then we came on here on our own!"

### THE STRING OF "PEARLS."

In all, I think Edith Thompson came to the club about a dozen times—possibly more. Latterly, since the club was abolished, I have seen nothing of her. She asked me to go to tea with her once or twice, but I made an excuse.

It was the last time but one she came that she had an awful row in the club with the man who had introduced her. I am not clear as to what actually brought the quarrel about, but I know the bone of contention was a string of artificial pearls. Her voice, when she quarrelled, rose shrill and strident. The sentence that kept recurring from Mrs. Thompson's lips was

"They're the rottenest things I've ever seen. You are a mean old thing—you can have them back—they're the rottenest things I've ever seen." The man, crestfallen, was tying the pearls round her throat, which she kept jerking at with her fingers, making no attempt, however, to take them off.

Between the games, or when she had decided, with her usual caution, that her "luck was out," I had many opportunities of chatting with her.

I was there, more or less, in the capacity of hostess, and it was part of my job to see that everyone was kept amused. I noticed the intense interest with which Edith Thompson followed the sensational criminal cases of the day, and the morbid relish with which she dwelt on their details.

She would often become immersed in the police court news of the evening papers, and would be so engrossed that she would not hear a word that was said to her. She would discuss, afterwards the situations and their probable solutions with a shrewdness and analytical power amazing in a woman.

I remember her remarking once when commenting on a sensational trial:

"If I were even in a fix like this girl is I'd never tell the truth, because they'd never believe me! I'd lie for all I was

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# DOUBLE SHOOTING TRAGEDY.

## HUSBAND COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

How a young mother who had been shot lay dying with her baby in her arms was described at an inquest at Pembridge, Herefordshire, on Mrs. Gainsbury (74) and her adopted daughter, Mrs. Buckeridge (28).

It was stated that Mrs. Gainsbury adopted Mrs. Winifred Buckeridge when the latter was only six weeks old. In 1916 she married George Vincent Buckeridge, who was in business on his own account as a bookbinder.

Dr. Gornall said that when called to the house he found both women suffering from bullet wounds. Mrs. Buckeridge

Mrs. Gainsbury (left) and Mrs. Buckeridge (right). Inset: The husband, Mr. George V. Buckeridge.

held her baby in her arms and told him she wanted to live. He took her child from her, and she asked, "Will that man come near me again?"

A neighbour said she saw Buckeridge enter Mrs. Gainsbury's cottage, then heard a report, and Mrs. Gainsbury appeared at the door, shouting, "This man is shooting us all."

Another neighbour said Buckeridge, after walking over Mrs. Gainsbury's body, threw a revolver away. Mrs. Buckeridge's last request to a constable was that they should look after her baby.

Throughout the inquest Buckeridge sat with bowed head, his face covered with his hands. He was in the custody of warders.

The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Buckeridge, who was committed for trial.

At Kingston Police Court Buckeridge was charged with the murder of the two women.

Mr. Gerald Paling, appearing for the Public Prosecutor, said that at a later date he would be able to produce a well-established motive for the alleged murder.

James Thomas Evans, landlord of the New Inn, said Buckeridge told him he did not want to divorce his wife, as he was very fond of her, and that if she would go back to him he would forgive her everything.

Buckeridge was committed for trial at Hereford Assizes. He reserved his defence.

### AFRAID TO FACE FATHER.

**Afraid to face his father after failing to hand over a trifling amount to the manager of the Sparkhill (Birmingham) Co-operative Stores, where he was employed, an errand boy, Albert Ernest Whitehouse (16) committed suicide on the railway.**

**The lad was reprimanded, but declined to accompany the manager to see his father.—A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned.**

worth. Notice, it's always the people whose evidence is obviously a chain of lies who get off! This girl'll get three years—she's far too like George Washington!"

A conversation about executions and prison lynchings, started by Edith Thompson, and followed by her with half-closed intent eyes, was kept up for an entire evening once, when there were insufficient punters for a good game.

"Is it really true that they strap men to a triangle in the prisons, and thrash them, if they disobey the warders?"

The law of lynching was explained to her by someone apparently remarkably cognisant of it.

"Do they draw blood?" she asked. "And is the man allowed to keep his shirt on? How do they know if he's dying?"

Executions followed as a subject.

"Why don't they like hanging women?" asked Edith Thompson. "They don't ever hang women now, do they? Why is it? Is the hangman afraid he'll catch it from his wife? Or is he afraid the prisoner'll drop to pieces? Is it true they read the burial service over you while you're still alive? Tell me exactly how an execution's done?"

She followed the gruesome and morbid details, embroidered for her benefit by an admirer, with intense—almost gloating—interest. She asked many questions, and, when the roulette was once more spinning, she detained the man:

"Tell me some more," she said. "It's much more interesting than the game!"

I remember, and shall always remember, her concluding remark on most of these occasions.

"Oh, well—women generally come off lightly. Thank God, they've got some sympathisers—if they're only jurymen."

Edith Thompson's letters came as a surprise to some people who knew her. They portrayed a new side to her character. But to the people who knew Edith Thompson in the unrevealed side of her life—the side of which husband and lover, parents and employers knew nothing—there were portions of those letters which brought the memory of their writer vividly to mind.

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I have read many different versions of Mrs. Thompson's character since she stepped into the limelight of criminal publicity, but none seem to me to be so indicative of her true character as the scenes and conversations I have narrated from the gaming club.

# MISCHIEVOUS MEDIUM SENT TO PRISON.

## BURGLAR IN RESIDENCE.

## FORMER CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Though only 47 years of age, Frederick Tansley Munnings has had a remarkable and varied career.

He has been a clerk, publican, chairman of the Poplar (E. London) Guardians, secretary of the Poplar Municipal Alliance and Ratepayers' Association, property dealer, boarding-house keeper, and a discredited spiritualist "medium."

These facts were revealed at Surrey Quarter Sessions when he was sentenced to nine months' hard labour for burglary at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Tarrant, Moor View, Old Woking.

It was stated that he slept in the house for several nights while the tenant was away on holiday, and removed things worth £50.

### WHAT "LIGHT" SAID.

It was further mentioned that "Light," a spiritualist periodical, wrote in June 25, 1921 —

"He gets a living out of it and the public a show."

Superintendent Boshier said that Munnings' father was a Trinity pilot. He was educated at British Schools, Lowestoft.

When about 20 he married. He was at the time the licensee of the Darby and Joan public house, Poplar, of which he held the license from March, 1896, to February, 1912.

He held the license of the Victory beerhouse, Poplar, from May, 1912, to June, 1914.

From April, 1907, to March, 1916, he was a member of the Poplar Board of Guardians, and for the latter part of that period was chairman of the Board.

On June 4, 1917, at Bournemouth, he was bound over for six months for stealing a bicycle. After this he appeared to have transacted business in property.

While conducting at Hastings a boarding establishment he practised as a spiritualist "medium," and from this source appeared to have derived a considerable amount of money.

In September, 1921, Munnings was bound over for 12 months on a charge of obtaining and attempting to obtain money by false pretences from Poplar residents.

In September last year he left his home and appeared to have visited different places, giving seances as a "trumpet medium," and had also undoubtedly obtained sums of money by false pretences from people with whom he became acquainted as a "medium."

### MISCHIEVOUS MEDIUM.

Before sentence was passed Munnings handed in a statement in which he asked that he should be allowed to return to his family and so save his home and prove himself "a white man once more."

"You don't seem to have succeeded in defrauding the spiritualist fraternity who describe you as 'a mischievous medium of low order,'" said Sir Horace Walpole, chairman of the sessions, in sentencing Munnings.

### POPULAR IN POPLAR.

"Munnings was very popular here," a representative who visited the Poplar municipal offices was informed by one of the staff. "He performed his duties well and in a genial manner.

"As secretary of the Municipal Alliance he organised a series of concerts which he ran to the complete satisfaction of the artists, the authorities, and the public.

"If he had stuck to Poplar he would probably not have got into his present troubles. He would only have had to tell his municipal colleagues of his financial worries and they would have put him on his feet."

# MURDERER'S WHIST PRIZE.

## JILTED LOVER'S CRIME AFTER PARTY.

"If she had given me a straightforward answer to my proposal of marriage, I should not have been a murderer and suicide," was one of the phrases in a letter left by James Fawcett, who killed his former sweetheart, Rose Goodyear, and himself early on Tuesday morning, after a New Year's party.

At the inquests at Swillington, near Leeds, verdicts were returned that the man murdered the girl, and that he committed suicide, but that there was no evidence to show the state of his mind.

Fawcett's letter was headed "Eight minutes past three, 2-1-23" (about an hour after he shot the girl).

Fawcett and Miss Goodyear were to have been married, but, said her brother, she broke off the engagement six months ago.

At the party Fawcett won the first prize in a whist drive.

Charles Smith, of Little Preston, said that Fawcett, who was cycling, overtook him, Miss Goodyear and another girl on the way home from the party. Fawcett said he wanted to speak to Miss Goodyear, and as the others walked on a shot rang out. Fawcett jumped on his bicycle and rode off. Miss Goodyear died almost immediately, and Fawcett's body was found later in his father's garden. There was a wound in his head and a revolver lay by his side.

### LILIES OF THE FIELD.

#### JUDGE ON ADVANTAGES OF BEING A MANIAC.

Extreme happiness is a sign of mania, said a doctor in Swansea County Court, when a workman claimed compensation for injuries alleged to have led to temporary insanity.

Judge Rowland Rowlands: I have never been able to make up my mind whether maniacs are not the happiest people on earth. They are like the lilies of the field, "they toil not, neither do they spin." They eat, sleep, and enjoy life thoroughly.

# TEN TONS OF ACID ABLAZE.

## FUMES THAT TRAVELLED 400 YARDS.

Consternation was caused on the northern outskirts of the town of Cannock (Staffs) when ten tons of liquid acid which was being conveyed by motor lorry burst into flames.

Giant tongues of flame consumed telegraph wires and hedgrows, and scorched up all grass in the fields within a radius of 100 yards.

The firemen were handicapped by clouds of poisonous fumes.

Danger was also threatened by the exploding steel drums containing the liquid (each of 36-gallon capacity), which shot up several hundred feet in the air.

The scene of the fire was about 400 yards from the Littleton Colliery offices. The clerical staff were so affected by the fumes that some of them became ill and all had to cease work.

Four hours elapsed before the fire was extinguished, and it was five hours later before traffic could be resumed over the main road between Cannock and Stafford.

The lorry was a new one owned by the National Road Transport Clearing House, Ltd., London. The acid is said to have arrived in London from Germany, and was being taken to Manchester.

A second similar lorry and load that was following was prohibited by the police from proceeding any further.

## £10,000 EXPLOSION.

### FUSILLADE OF BURNING PETROL.

A motor lorry travelling through Morpeth (Northumberland) took fire and there was a tremendous explosion.

The mishap occurred in a fairly busy thoroughfare — Newgate-st. — and five business premises and one dwelling house were set on fire. Fortunately nobody was injured.

The driver endeavoured to extinguish the flames with fire extinguishers carried in the vehicle, but these, and four other large chemical extinguishers, were insufficient.

The tins of petrol began to explode, and the driver pluckily backed the lorry into the middle of the street, but the exploding petrol tins blew others across the roadway into a bootmaker's, cycle dealer's, confectionery, and newsagent's shops, a public-house and a private house.

Windows were shattered on both sides of the street.

Burning petrol was thrown into the buildings. One of the tins was thrown through a window of the Leg of Mutton Inn and burst in the bar.

Morpeth Fire Brigade and a detachment from the Ashington branch colliery fire brigade subdued the outbreak.

The lorry belonged to the Anglo-American Oil Company. The damage is estimated at about £10,000.

# PUSHED UNDER 'BUS BY FOOTBALL MOB.

## CRIPPLE'S FATE.

## CORONER REFUSES TO CALL IT AN ACCIDENT.

"I cannot call it an accident," said the coroner at the inquest at Durham on John William Nall, a cripple, who was knocked down and pushed under a motor-'bus by a football crowd at Crook, near Durham.

Scathing criticisms of the conduct of football crowds were made by the coroner, who said his verdict would be:—

"Death from shock following severe injuries caused by the inconsiderate conduct of people crowding on the 'bus before it stopped, utterly regardless of the fact that this man was a cripple."

"This is only a typical instance," he said, "of what happens at the close of football matches in this part of the country. Whether the rush is for a motor-bus or a train, the force of the crowd is so great that it would take pretty well all the constabulary to control them.

### DISGRACEFUL SCENES.

"You get two or three thousand men, more or less ruffians, and they set all at defiance. It is hard enough when they are going to a match, but the scenes after matches are a disgrace to the civilisation of the North of England.

"I have suffered myself, and to stand the ugly rush of 15 to 20 ruffians before my train stopped, and have had to call for protection. It will have to be stopped in some way, or travelling on football afternoons by 'bus or rail will be perfectly unsafe for people not properly protected.

"This man's life was just as much sacrificed as if he had been killed by the use of a deadly weapon. What has happened to him might happen again on any Saturday. The pity is I cannot have before me the ringleaders of the crowd who acted in this way. I would know how to deal with them."

# PENAL SERVITUDE AT 17.

## LAD'S "INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF WICKEDNESS."

Sentence of five years' penal servitude was passed on a 17-year-old lad named William Arnott, who pleaded guilty at Glasgow High Court to embezzling £456 in rents from his Edinburgh employer, breaking into the Palais de Danse, and four days later carrying out a hold-up with an empty revolver in the same hall.

Evidence given showed the prisoner had lived expensively in London with the money for about a month before committing the offences in Glasgow.

# FOR THE LEISURE HOUR : Problems for all the People.

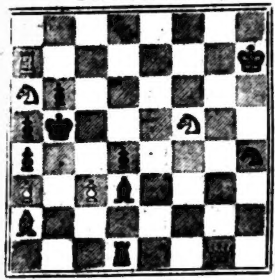
## CHESS.

By A. G. CONDE.

### PROBLEM No. 50.

By J. Brian.

BLACK.—Eight Pieces.



WHITE.—Eight Pieces.

Mate in two.

Solution to Problem No. 48 (By H. Gunning).

Key move: 1. KtKB5.

If 1 . . . KtB2, 2. KtQ6 and mate accordingly.
If 1 . . . KxKt, 2. QKt6ch and mate accordingly.
If 1 . . . KtKt3, 2. QQKt6ch, etc.
If 1 . . . PB6, 2. RxKtch, KxR, 3. QKt5 mate.

A clever threeer with a difficult key.

Correct solutions received from:—J. T. Bridge (Colchester), A. H. Haddy, Mrs. W. Battailleur, Miss Olive, M. Mason, Alfonso, C. McFarlane, F. Stowers, Dr. T., Mrs. Farrell (Hastings), C. McV., Adrian, Black Knight, C. McArdle.

Solution to Problem No. 49 (By T. Warton).

Key move: 1. QQ3.

If 1 . . . PB8(Kt), 2. QQB2, PxQ, 3. KtxP mate.
If 1 . . . PB8(Q), 2. QxP(Kt6), QB3, 3. QxP mate.

A tricky problem with some near tries.

Correct solutions received from:—A. C. Brady, M. W. McKee, Mrs. W., J. T. Pete.

Solution to End-Game No. 6 (By K. Bosshard)

1. PB8(Q)ch, KKt3(best); 2. QR1ch, KxQ. 3. KxP, any; 3. BQ4 mate.

Correct solutions received from:—A. H. Haddy, T. Braybon, H. Hemson, U. Isler, Mrs. W., A. W. Yallop (New Malden), J. T. Bridge, A. M. Williams, Battailleur, C. McGregor, Mrs. Farrell (Hastings), M. Mason, Miss Olive.

Solution to End-Game No. 7

1. PB6, PxP; 2. PK6, KQ1(best); 3. PxP and wins.

Solutions received from:—H. S. Hemson, Mrs. W., J. T. Pete, Mrs. Mac.

### GAME No. 60.

Played in the second round of the Hastings Christmas Congress:—

White: Norman. Black: Rubinstein.

(Queen's Pawn Opening.)

1 PQ4—PQ4
2. Kt(KB3—PK3
3. PB4—PQR3(a)
4. PQR4—PQB4
5. BPxQP—KPxP
6. KtB3—QKt3
7. PKKt3—KtB3
8. BKt2—PK3
9. Castles—BK2
10. BK3(b)—KKtKt5
11. QQ2—KtxB
12. QxKt—BB3(c)
13. KRQ1—PxP
14. KtxP—KtxKt
15. KtxP(d)—KtB7
16. QB4(e)—Castles
17. KtK7—QK2
18. QRB1—BKt4
19. QK5—BxR
20. RxB—QKt5
21. KtxR—RxKt
22. BK4(f)—KtQ5
23. BQ3—QQ7
24. Resigns(g)

(a) The idea of this move is to play PxBP at the right moment, followed by PQKt4, hence White's reply.

(b) This cannot be good. PK3 is better.

(c) White cannot now avoid loss of material.

(d) The other alternative was to submit to the loss of the exchange by BxKt, etc.

(e) The game is gone. KtxPch offered no better prospects.

(f) If 22. BxKt, QK8ch; 23. BB1, BR6, etc.

(g) An example of Rubinstein's deadly accuracy.

### GAME No. 61.

Also played in the second round at Hastings.—

White: Reti. Black: Conde.

(Queen's Pawn Opening.)

1 PQ4—KtKB3
2 PQB4—PK3
3 KtKB3—PQ4
4 KtB3—BK2
5 BKt5—QKtQ2
6 PK3—Castles
7. RB1—PB3
8. QB2—PQKt3
9. PxP—KPxP
10. BQ3—PKR3
11 BR4—BKt2
12. PKKt4(a)—PB4(b)
13. PKt5—PxP
14. KxP—KtK5
15 PKR4—PB4(c)
16 BxB(d)—BKB3
17 QK4—KtKt1(e)
18 BKB4—PB3
19. BB1—PQKt4
20. QQ1—PxP
21 KtxP—BxKt
22 QxB—KtxKt
23 RKKt1(f)—RR2
24. BxKt—RxB(g)
25 RxKt—QRB1
26. RxR—QxR(h)
27. KQ2—QB3
28. BQ3—QR7
29. RKB1—PKt3
30. BK2—PB5
31. BQ3—PxPch
32. KtxP—QKt7
33. KQ2—BB1(j)
34. PB5(k)—PxP
35. QK3—PB5
36. KB3—PB6
37. PB6—PR7(l)
38. QK8ch(m)—RB1
39. QK5—RB3
40. RK1—BQ3
41 PB5—PKt5ch(n)
42. KKt3—QKt6
43. QKt8ch—QxQ
44. PxQ—RB8
45. KB3—RB8ch
46. KKt3—RB3
Resigns.

(a) A bold bid for an immediate King's side attack, which nearly succeeds. If 12 . . . KtxP, White would obtain a winning attack by RKKt1.

(b) The only possible plan of defence. The object is to support the Knight at K5.

(c) The immediate danger is now passed, and Black remains with a small positional advantage.

(d) Threatening to win the exchange by BxKt, QxB, KtK5, Q moves, BxB, QxB, KtKt6.

(e) White was threatening BR6 or BK6. The text move prevents these threats and forces the subsequent retreat of the White Q and B.

(f) Best, for if RxKt at once, then KtB3, followed by PQ5, with a powerful attack.

(g) KtxP was probably better.

(i) The end-game stage is now reached. Black's advantage is apparent, but very slight as yet.

(j) Every piece has to help.

(k) This Pawn probably had to fall sooner or later, but White endeavours to obtain the open KKt file.

(l) Just in time, as White was threatening RKKt1.

(m) The game was adjourned at this point. Herr Reti remarked that I had not yet won the game, as there were still a few "falls" (traps)!

(n) The decisive manoeuvre. White's next moves are forced, and after the exchange of Queens, Black wins easily.

### CHESS NEWS

THE CHRISTMAS CHESS CONGRESS.—Owing to passport difficulties, Maroczy did not arrive in time to participate in this tourney, his place being filled at the last moment by P. W. Sergeant. The following were the competitors:—1. J. H. Blake; 2. F. D. Yates; 3. G. E. Sieghelm; 4. G. M. Norman; 5. P. W. Sergeant; 6. R. Reti; 7. A. G. Conde; 8. J. A. J. Drewitt; 9. A. Rubinstein; 10. E. G. Sergeant.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. M. Williams.—Thanks for problem, which will be examined. C. Mason and Others.—Will reply next week, when the Hastings Congress will be over. Hearty good wishes to one and all for the New Year.

## CIRCUS FAMILY.

### PASSING OF "SIR" ROBERT FOSSETT.

One of the best known characters of the circus world, "Sir" Robert Fossett (73), has died at Northampton. He was born in a caravan and died in one.

"Sir" Robert, who was known as the "King of the Circus," was the son of a circus artist, and was related to nearly all the other circus families in the country. He was equally skilled as an equestrian, wire-walker, and clown, and toured the world with his circus and menagerie.

He was a well-known figure at the World's Fair, Islington, where he always appeared immaculately dressed in a dazzling top hat and a close-fitting frock-coat. Since the death of Lord George Sanger "Sir" Robert had been the oldest circus man in England.

He had a very large family, and consequently his circus acquired something of the charm and interest of a "family affair." His eldest son, another Robert Fossett, is a famous circus rider, and has been appearing at Northampton. Another of his sons is a popular clown, several of his daughters are lady circus riders, and one is a wire walker.

In aid of the Royal Northern Hospital, "The Cheerful Knave" will be given by the Shaftesbury Dramatic Society on Jan. 10 in the hall of the Northern Polytechnic, Holloway-rd., N.

## PUZZLES.

By C. P. BASELEY.

"It is the mystery of the unknown that fascinates us."—LONGFELLOW.

### No. 177.—DIAMOND.

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              3  4  5        6  7  8
           9 10 11 12 13  14 15 16 17 18
        19 20 21  22 23 24 25 26  27 28 29
           30 31 32 33 34  35 36 37 38 39
              40 41 42        43 44 45
                 46              47
              48 49 50        51 52 53
           54 55 56 57 58  59 60 61 62 63
        64 65 66  67 68 69 70 71  72 73 74
           75 76 77 78 79  80 81 82 83 84
              85 86 87        88 89 90
                 91              92
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3- 5—A prefix, meaning "on this side of."
6- 8—Expressing hesitation.
9-13—A distinguishing feature.
14-18—A light beer.
19-21—The diocese of a bishop.
22-26—The honey-badger of S. Africa.
27-29—A sea-bird.
30-34—The trembling poplar.
35-39—Simply.
40-42—A large cask.
43-45—Refuse.
48-50—A small bird.
51-53—Opportunely.
54-58—A small face or surface.
59-63—The skeleton of a regiment.
64-66—To cheat.
67-71—Pertaining to hair.
72-74—Notice or attention.
75-79—Pertaining to earth.
80-84—A country in Asia.
85-87—Lamentable.
88-90—A Japanese coin.
9-30—A drink.
54-75—An exclamation of disgust.
3-40—The top of a ridge.
46-85—A Spanish river.
1-11—By way of.
38-56—Pertaining to the Carthaginians.
77-91—Spell.
8-43—A sweet singer.
50-67—Lukewarm.
13-34—To thrash.
55-79—An habitual convulsive twitching of muscles.
14-36—A meadow.
59-80—A domestic animal.
6-43—An exclamation of surprise.
51-88—A French city.
2-16—To pull roughly.
37-61—A mountain nymph.
83-92—A mountain peak.
8-45—Intended for.
53-90—An obsolete territorial division in the Isle of Man.
18-39—Regret.
63-84—To corrode.

All above words will be found in Cassell's Dictionary.

Margate. —JOHNNIE.

### No. 178.—WORD SQUARE.

1.—Abode of the Scandinavian gods.
2.—A plunderer.
3.—Merriment.
4.—A sacred book.
5.—Dotted.
6.—Nymphs.

All words in Nuttall's Dictionary.

Ramsgate. —IXION.

### No. 179.—CURTAILMENT.

My (1st) is a title of a King of the East,
My (2nd) a student of a year, at least;
My (3rd) is given to pacify wrath,
My last, a conjunction (and) adjective both.

All words in Nuttall's Dictionary.

Portsmouth. —TAFF.

Contributions, based on Nuttall's Dictionary, and solutions welcomed. Answers, to be acknowledged in the succeeding issue, should be posted by Wednesday, addressed: "Puzzles" Editor, "The People," Milford-lane, Strand, London, W.C.2.

### ANSWERS.

### No. 175.—THE "X" PUZZLE.

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CORP          TIES
 KIBY        ERSH
  COOM      URIM
   NEAP    CLIO
     SCUTATE
      ENATE
      RIPER
    BACTERIA
   SETA  SOCK
  ACER    BAND
 TAUT      RAID
GIRD        BASY
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### No. 176.—DIAMOND.

[illegible]

## DRAUGHTS.

By J. M. ROBERTS.

### PROBLEM No. 2,544.

By A. Malley (Edinburgh).

BLACK.

WHITE.

White to move and win in seven.

A fine display.

Problem No. 2,545.—By W. Evans (Llanhilleth).—Black men on 5, 11, 12, 21; King 18. White men on 14, 19, 20, 23, 30; King 6. White to move and win.

Requires scientific handling and will well repay solution.

Problem No. 2,546.—By Peter Horner (Sunderland).—Black men on 2, 8, 14, 17; King 26. White men on 12, 21, 27; King 9. Black to move and win.

A delightful little ending, won in a Y.M.C.A. Handicap many years back.

### PROBLEM SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,541.—By W. H. Steel (Newcastle-on-Tyne).—Black men on 2, 10, 13, 28; Kings 15, 25. White men on 8, 11, 12, 16, 17, 22; King 32. White to move and win:—

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8- 3 | 2-20 | 3- 7 | 20-24 | 30-26 |
| 15- 8 | 12- 3 | 13-22 | 32-28 | 22-31 |
| 3- 7 | 25-18 | 7-30 | 24-27 | 28-32 |
| | | | | W. wins. |

No. 2,542.—By W. T. Dixon (Aylesbury).—Black men on 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 17, 18. White men on 14, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 30, 32. White to move and win:—

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26-22 | 27-24 | 22-18 | 4- 8 | 14- 9 |
| 17-26 | 18-27 | 9-13 | 19-15 | 13-16 |
| 30-23 | 32-23 | 20-22 | 5- 9 | 16-14 |
| 3- 4 | 6- 9 | | | etc. W. wins. |

No. 2,543.—By W. Gibson (Grays, Essex).—Black men on 6, 7, 10, 13, 15. White men on 19, 21, 22, 23, 24. White to move and win:—

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22-17 | 23-18 | 18-14 | 19- 1 | 21-14 |
| 13-22 | 7-11 | 10-17 | 22- 6 | W. wins. |

GAME No. 1,456.—"KELSO."

Black: H. Huddart (Newcastle-on-Tyne). White: D. Bryant (Portsmouth).

Notes by D. Bryant.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10-15 | 11-15 | 14-18 | E-16-19 | 29-25 |
| 21-17 | 24-19 | C-16-12 | *18-15 | 7-10 |
| 11-16 | 15-24 | 1- 5 | 10-14 | 24-28 |
| 17-13 | 28-19 | D-21- 7 | 15-11 | 31-26 |
| 16-20 | 7-10 | 2-11 | 14-18 | 26-22 |
| 22-18 | 32-28 | 27-24 | 12- 8 | 10-14 |
| 15-22 | 14-17 | 20-27 | 19-24 | 22-27 |
| 25-18 | 18-15 | 32-14 | 8- 3 | 14-18 |
| 8-11 | 10-14 | 11-16 | 18-22 | 27-31 |
| 29-25 | A-15-11 | 26-22 | 11- 7 | 20-22 |
| 9-14 | 17-21 | 6-10 | 22-25 | 31-27 |
| 18- 9 | B-19-16 | 14- 7 | 7- 2 | 22-17 |
| 5-14 | 12-19 | 3-10 | 24-28 | 27-24 |
| 25-22 | 23-16 | *22-18 | 2- 7 | 17-14 |
| | | | | W. wins. |

A.—After this, Black has a bad game.
B.—White's strongest attack.
C.—Beat here.
D.—No draw now. What say the critics?
E.—10-14, etc. White can win.

### LONDON LEAGUE.

In Second Division West-End met their first defeat on visiting the Bridge, who are to be congratulated on a good performance. The score was as follows:—

| W. | Bridge. | D. | West-End. | W. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | F. Dorey | 0 | A. Binns | 0 |
| 0 | H. Williams | 2 | W. Parmenter | 0 |
| 0 | C. Philpott | 1 | S. Wright | 1 |
| 1 | W. Adnitt | 1 | H. Lewis | 0 |
| 0 | F. Trott | 2 | M. Rosenberg | 0 |
| 1 | H. Gretton | 1 | A. Cohen | 0 |
| 0 | W. Goddard | 1 | A. Hill | 1 |
| 4 | | 8 | | 2 |

In the same Division North London journeyed to Cliff Inn one short (a rare event for the North London boys) and Cliff Inn won as follows:—

| W. | Cliff Inn. | D. | North London. | W. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | J. Fowler | 1 | A. Drew | [illegible] |
| 1 | W. Rows | 1 | W. Jones | 0 |
| 1 | R. French | 0 | H. Greenfield | 1 |
| 1 | S. W. Frost | 1 | H. Hampton | 0 |
| [illegible] | F. Sheppard | [illegible] | L. Johnson | [illegible] |
| 2 | H. Stacey | 0 | Absent | 0 |
| 5 | | 3 | | 2 |

The positions of the clubs now are:—

| | Matches. P. | W. | L. | Games. W. | L. | D. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leytonstone | 5 | 4 | 1 | 28 | 20 | 12 | 8 |
| Cliff Inn | 4 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 12 | 13 | 6 |
| West-End | 4 | 3 | 1 | 25 | 8 | 15 | 6 |
| Bridge | 7 | 3 | 4 | 25 | 29 | 24 | 6 |
| North London | 3 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 9 | 16 | 4 |
| City of London | 3 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 20 | 3 | 0 |
| Centymca | 4 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 30 | 17 | 0 |
| St. Martin's | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 0 |

On Tuesday, at 144a, Seven Sisters-rd., North London play Botolph in First Division. On Friday, at Diviani's, City play West-End in Second Division.

BRYANT'S CORRESPONDENCE TOURNEY.—Book prizes have been won by the following:—C. McKean (Winterton), E. Richardson (South Bank), 53 points; F. C. Reigler (London), J. Phillips (Glasgow), 51 points; J. Hanks (Ynysddu), G. Powell (Tredegar), 50 points; R. J. Allen (Glasgow), A. Sharman (Ipswich), 48 points. Readers wishing to join a Correspondence Club can obtain particulars from D. Bryant, 237, Sultan-rd., Portsmouth.

THE SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP.—Play in the annual tourney to decide the Championship of Scotland, commenced on Monday at the Workmen's Institute, Edinburgh (where Richard Jordan first showed his genius for the game). In opening proceedings ex-Bailie Smith, Chairman of the S.D.A., said it was with some reluctance that the Association had decided to hold the Championship out of Glasgow for the first time in its history, but all doubts had been dispelled by the record entry of 44 from all parts of Scotland and one from London. Draughts being a scientific game devoid of the element of chance it did not appeal to the public as did other games, but he hoped to see it taught in their elementary schools. Last year he made a 7,000-mile tour of Canada and found in the schools there the headmasters much interested in Draughts and spent time each week in teaching their pupils its rudiments.

The result of the first round was:—P. A. Crabbe (London) 3 wins, J. Hepburn (Leith) 0, drawn 3; A. B. Scott (Govan) 1, W. Brydon 0, drawn 5; G. M'Combie 2, W. Campbell 1, drawn 3; H. Milligan 2, M. Currie 1, drawn 5; J. Lumsden (retired) 2, S. Thomson 2, drawn 3; C. Morrison 2, A. Falconer 1, drawn 3; J. Wilson 2, W. Kilgour 1, drawn 3; L. Love 3, A. Black 1, drawn 1; M. Craig 3, A. Drummond 0; R. Mitchell 3, R. Lindsay 0; W. Mathieson 3, A. Dalgarno 1, drawn 2; D. Connor 1, A. Cumming 0, drawn 3; A. Morgan 1, A. Smith (sen.) 1, drawn 3; A. Smith (jun.) 3, R. Seward 2; J. Burns 1, T. Cook 0, drawn 5; T. Turnbull 2, J. M'Kimmie 0, drawn 3; W. Thomson 2, R. Smith 1, drawn 1. In the second round Scott, Crabbe, Allan, Mitchell, Craig, Wilson, M'Combie, Currie, Burns, M'Crimmon drew byes while other results were:—D. Connor 3, A. Smith (jun.) 2, drawn 1; J. Love 2, J. Rowberry 0, drawn 1 (Rowberry retired); S. Thomson 3, A. Smith (sen.) 1; W. Thomson and L. Mathieson played two draws, when the latter retired; Morrison 3, Kirkpatrick 0; Turnbull 3, McGeorge 2. In third round Crabbe, McCombie, Mitchell and Wilson beat respectively Craig, Allan, Connor and Love. In fourth round Crabbe and A. B. Scott have scored one win each at time of going to Press. Late results in Sunday issue.

Following are a few of the end-games:—

Crabbe v. Hepburn.—Black (Hepburn) on 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 20. White on 14, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32. Play proceeded:—

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7-10 | 18- 9 | 19- 9 | 26-21 | 30-26 |
| 14- 7 | 5-14 | 5-14 | 17-26 | 11-15 |
| 3-10 | 23-18 | 26-22 | 31-22 | 21-17 |
| 32-27 | 1- 5 | 14-17 | 8-11 | 15-18 |
| 6-14 | | | | Drawn. |

Cook v. Burns.—Black (Cook) on 2, 4, 11, 12, 22. White on 13, 14, 20, 30, 32. Play proceeded:—

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14-10 | 6- 1 | 9- 5 | 10-15 | 5- 9 |
| 11-15 | 22-26 | 26-30 | 30-26 | 4- 8 |
| 13- 9 | 1- 6 | 5- 1 | 26-19 | 9-14 |
| 15-19 | 26-31 | 22-18 | 15-19 | 8-11 |
| 10- 6 | 6-10 | 1- 5 | 19-24 | 14-18 |
| 19-23 | 31-22 | 18-22 | 24-31 | W. wins. |

Burns v. Cook.—Black (Cook) on 1, 3, 7, 17, 20. White on 18, 19, 30, 31, 32. Play proceeded:—

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18-14 | 11-16 | 14-10 | 31-27 | 3-10 |
| 1- 6 | 27-23 | 6- 9 | 15-19 | 6-15 |
| 19-16 | 22-26 | 10- 6 | 27-18 | 14-17 |
| 17-22 | 23-18 | 9-14 | 2- 6 | 15-19 |
| 16-12 | 20-31 | 6- 2 | 18-23 | 23-27 |
| 7-11 | 18-15 | 24-27 | 10- 7 | 19-15 |
| 31-27 | 20-24 | 32-23 | | Drawn. |

Connor (Edinburgh) v. Cummie (Forfar).—Black (Connor) on 2, 8, 10, 12, 16, 19. White on 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. Play proceeded:—

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29-25 | 26-22 | 29-13 | 23-16 | 30-23 |
| 8-11 | 16-20 | 2- 6 | 12-19 | 20-24 |
| 22-17 | 17-14 | 27-23 | 28-23 | 28-19 |
| 11-15 | 10-17 | 6-10 | 19-26 | 15-24 |
| | | | | Drawn. |

The handbook to be issued by the English Draughts Association will be most useful, and can be made even more so by every club in England forwarding address for insertion therein. All particulars from A. Ashworth, 24, Kimberley-st., Harle Syke, Burnley.

(Answers to Correspondents held over.)

## ROADS AND OTHERS

(By "Wheeler.")

*Lighting-up Time To-day 4.38 p.m.*

As I rather anticipated, I have received several letters from correspondents criticising my notes on the advantages or otherwise of the different English counties, especially as regards the hilliness of Kent, which they consider I have over-rated. Well, as I said, it is a question of individual taste. Living in rather a flat district perhaps I am less attuned to hills than others, but I cannot agree that Kent is not hilly. I have recollections of the hill into Sevenoaks, rideable, but very troublesome, Westerham, to me unrideable, the hill out of Charing, and many others; but my chief objection is not to one or two stiff hills, but to continual rises and falls, with very little easy going in between.

My ideal road is that from Egham to Bagshot. You get a good stiff, but rideable, hill to start with, then a good bit of flat, and a long run down to Virginia Water, with a long, but slightish rise into Sunningdale. Then a good bit of flat into Bagshot, with a long fairly stiff, but rideable, hill up to the Jolly Farmer. Then a long run down into Camberley and a short, but steepish, climb on to Hartford Bridge Flats, which give you three miles dead flat and a run down and another slight rise into Hartley Witney, and from there an easy run into Basingstoke. This road gives all the diversified gradients that I want.

I would not, however, let hills stand in the way of a journey I wished to take. I am only dealing with the question of which part of the country I should choose for a pleasure tour, and in this respect I am reminded by a reader that I omitted all reference to Warwickshire, which, to his mind, is one of the best cycling counties in England. I agree. Riding in Warwickshire is like passing through a succession of fine parks, and I know of no place richer in fine old towns and places of interest, historically and otherwise.

I am not out to defend my dislike of the Fen Country. I know that to many this part of the world, so like Holland in appearance and attributes, has a great attraction. I can only say that the long flat roads, with surrounding marshland, and the, to me, depressing scenery, did not appeal to me at all on my two visits and I have no desire to repeat them.

A reader writes me that his lamp having jolted out he dismounted and drew in to the side of the road to relight it. Whilst doing so he was run into by a motorist and his machine damaged. If the facts are as stated, I think the motorist is clearly liable, as the car should have had lamps sufficiently strong to show the cyclist, and if, as he says, he was well over to the side of the road, near the kerb, he was in his right place. The chief point, however, is that the motor should be provided with lamps of sufficient illuminating power to enable the driver to see obstacles in the road, and that he or she should not drive at such a pace as prevents them pulling up within the distance shown by the lamps.

Many of our leading motoring journalists have been afforded an opportunity of testing the new 20h.p. Rolls-Royce on the road, and the opinions given are all in its favour. Indeed, it would appear to have most of the characteristics of the higher-priced 40-50, although lacking perhaps some of the refinements of the higher-priced car. The company, I understand, are now ready to give delivery o' this cheaper car.

Several makers of aero engines are issuing a warning against fitting these engines to cars and disclaiming all responsibility for difficulties or accidents whic may arise therefrom.

Apropos to my note about slow cinema films of internal combustion engines, correspondent sends me a little bookl issued by the Daimler Co., which consist of a series of diagrams of their slidin sleeve valve, which, when allowed to ru continuously under the thumb, give very fair cinematograph representatio of the action of the valve, but a certai amount of practice is necessary in orde to operate the diagrams successfully. T booklet is obtainable from the Daim Co. at the price of 1s.

## STRUGGLE IN TRAIN.

### SOLDIER FINED FOR ASSAULT ON GIRL.

A girl's adventure with a soldier i a train was described to the Kingsto magistrates, when James Burdo (23), a private in the R.A.S.C., stationed at Aldershot, was charge with assaulting Lily Adams, of 11 East Park-rd., Leicester, and als with stealing her purse.

Complainant said she was travelling from Aldershot to Waterlo when Burdon, who was the onl other person in the carriage, put hi arms around her. She struggled and they both fell to the floor. A soon as she could release herself sh pulled the alarm cord, and when the train was stopped near Surbiton defendant jumped out on to the line.

Defendant said the reason h jumped out of the train was that h was on leave, and he didn't want hi leave spoiled, as he thought the girl's word would be accepted i preference to his.

Defendant was fined £2 for the assault, and the charge of theft was dismissed.

## POULTRY VIEWS.

**Incubating Ducks' Eggs.**

As pointed out in a previous issue, i the early hatched table duckling that a counts for the highest profit when sent market, so that no time should be lost i getting ducks' eggs into the incubator under the broody hen, with a view to the production of ducklings for the fattenin pens. If the eggs are to be incubated ar ficially, and the holding capacity of th incubator's egg-chamber is, say, 60, n more than 50 should be placed in it, as is impossible to get the maximum hat ing temperature in the corners of an eg chamber at this season of the year. Th heat regulator of the incubator should so adjusted as to ensure a temperature 103 in the egg-chamber—that is, providi the temperature in the incubator room below 50 degrees throughout the d otherwise 102 will be high enough for t eggs. Eggs for artificial incubat should be placed in the incubator i fresh a condition as possible.

**Incubating Eggs Naturally.**

If the eggs are to be incubated nat ally, the hen's nest should be locate the earth floor of an airy, but draug proof, out-building, or, if fashione sitting-box, well beaten earth or a inverted turf should form its bas hollow formed in the base of the ne should not be so deep as to allow the to press heavily against each other, oth wise damage will result when the h shuffles her charges. A good thickn soft hay should form the nest proper a this should be well pressed to the sh of the hollow previously referred to fore the hen is entrusted with real she should be allowed to sit on dum ones for a couple of days, when sh shape the nest to her body, and prove her disposition or otherwise gards the task allotted to her. A g sized hen should not be given more t nine ducks' eggs at this season of year.

**Other Essential Items.**

Both incubators and hens must ha gular daily attention if good hatche to result. As regards the dieting of sit hens, maize will be the most suitabl to use, as it is rich in heat-producing ments. In addition to grain, sharp and clean water should be served, an the weather is very cold the water sh be served in a lukewarm condition cold water being harmful to the sit hens. A couple of days before the eg due to hatch, the sitting hen shou dusted to the roots of her feather insect powder to prevent lice att the ducklings when the latter are Before the ducklings arrive a roomy weather-proof coop should be got in rea ness for them, and should be locate the weather is inclement, under an op fronted shed. Ducklings need very li brooding, but it is fatal to expos to cold winds and rains.

**Hints in an "Eggshell."**

When ducks' eggs reach the "chipp stage the sitting hen should not be i fered with for 24 hours, after which hen may be fed and allowed to brood charges for a further period of 24 h before food is given to them. In the of an incubator, its egg-chamber sh be closed for 24 hours after noting its contents are "chipping." Before gating ducklings to the brood-coop sand and litter its floor to prevent cr in the birds. A duckling's worst enem at this season of the year are cold w rains, snowfalls, and damp sleeping q ters. Warm food is undesirable for ducklings, but it should not be serv a stone-cold condition. It is too early to incubate ducks' eggs, apart from from which ducklings for fattening be hatched.

THE CRUF BIRD.

Fowls and eggs for examinatio should not be sent to "The People but to "Poultry Expert," Medina Holland Road, Bournemouth.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

PUZZLED.—Stop using barley, maize and [illegible] if such are served. Add a teaspoonful Glauber salts to quart of drinking water twice week, and to the mash food add 10 per cen linseed meal. Plenty of green food, especially bage. Adhere to rules in future. W. H. SMITH —Cleanse the wound and paint it with [illegible] often as necessary. Bandage to prevent bird peck ing at it. If this fails, scrofula will have set in and killing the bird should be carried out

# START OF THE YEAR GARDENING, ROD AND LINE PLEASURES.

## BE PREPARED FOR FROSTS.

The present is a very suitable time to carry out repairs to existing box-edging, or the making of new edging of this hardy and useful little shrub. It sometimes happens that an established edging of box after some time may get gappy or worn in some parts, generally through carelessness of the [illegible] chief of animals. It will generally be found possible to lift the thickest and best portions, take out enough to make up the gaps, and replant the remainder in its original place sufficiently opened and extended to fill it quite well again.

When filling up gaps clear away any old root stumps which may be in the way and settle the fresh plants in just as at the proper level to form an unbroken edging of uniform thickness and height, a slight clip over afterwards with shears will enable any slight defects to be corrected.

**Ware Frost.**

It is probable that with the advent of the New Year we shall be appreciably nearer what winter weather is to be our portion, and it is advisable to have something in the form of loose litter, mats or sacking, etc., handy to throw over the cold frames, which may be sheltering crops or plants of a tender nature in the event of a spell of penetrating frost. Some sort of precaution should also be taken in the form of coverings kept handy in the cool greenhouse to place over tender occupants when the necessity does arise, as it easily may with little or no warning. Thanks to the spell of more or less mild weather, late cauliflowers and broccoli are still heading up in fine condition, but be in readiness to take the usual steps for their protection if required.

**In the Greenhouse**

our chief enemy will be damp, without some warmth it is very liable to cause decay of leaf and stem to an alarming degree, unless considerable care is taken to arrange an efficient circulation of air to correct this. Give air by means of the ventilators at every suitable opportunity and as generously as the existing conditions of weather allow. This will assist to dispel dampness and prevent mildew and damping trouble to a great extent. All plants should be looked over periodically at this time of the year and decaying leaves and stems cut off and burnt to prevent the further infection of healthy tissue.

Give water with some discrimination, only when plants are really dry should a thorough soaking be given and no excess of water must be spilt or slopped over on paths or staging.

When opportunity offers clean down the glass and woodwork with soap and water, using no more than is necessary and mopping the house down thoroughly to take up the surplus wet. Where heat is available in sufficient degree to maintain a genial warmth, more liberty can be taken, and growth generally will proceed at a more happy appearance. Bulbs and other flowering plants, such as cyclamens, primulas, cinerarias, will be forming buds and flowers, and a degree of brightness obtained which is quite impossible at this season in the unheated house. A little weak fertiliser given now will benefit plants making a good leaf and bud display.

**Lawns**

are frequently allowed to go without attention during winter, although there are some points that require attending to now more than at any other time. An uneven surface is best treated by thoroughly rolling after heavy rains, if necessary raising or lowering the worst places which are too bad for the roller to amend. A thorough sweeping now and again with a long birch broom is stimulating to the grass, and worm casts are thus prevented from accumulating to an unsightly degree.

Poor lawns due to poverty of soil may be much improved by a light dressing all over with a mixture of fine soil, leaf mould, old rotted manure, and bone-meal. This, if occasionally swept during winter, will have practically disappeared before spring.

**Broad Beans.**

On light land which has been well dug, a start may be made with a sowing of one of the early long pod varieties, such as Early Mazagan or Seville Long Pod, sowing rather more thickly than for the later batches, and choose a sheltered side of the garden rather than one more exposed, under the protection of a wall or fence facing south, is ideal.

**Early Peas**

may be sown on a warm border when the soil has been rendered light and rich by cultivation and is well drained. The early dwarf varieties will be found less troublesome than the taller growing sorts, and it is a good plan to have the rows a fair distance apart and crop in between with other vegetables.

American Wonder, Peter Pan, William Hurst, and Sutton's Green Gem, are all good, dependable varieties for early cropping. Sow thickly as seed committed to the ground during winter is very naturally started at considerable disadvantage.

**Spinach**

may be sown for early use during open weather. The autumn sowing has come along wonderfully owing to the mildness of the season so far. Keep the rows clear of weeds and if fit for use take off the best of the leaves with some care.

"Adam" will advise readers with respect to vegetable culture. Inquiries should reach "The People," Milford-lane, Strand, W.C.2, not later than Tuesday morning, marked "Garden."

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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### CATALOGUES READY.

It is never too early in the year to prepare for the coming season of [illegible]. Messrs. Dobbie, of Edinburgh, [illegible]. Charles Lewis Curtis, the seedsman and potato merchant of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, has also produced an interesting catalogue. All orders are on approval and if satisfaction is not obtained customers may return the goods and receive back their money.

## ANGLERS' SPORT AND PROSPECTS.

Last week-end there was little opportunity of angling on account of the indifferent conditions, and as the principal rivers have continued in flood this week I see very little chance of sport during the next few days. Roach and dace are the most likely fish to be caught in the turbid water, but even their capture is uncertain in the circumstances, unless rivers rapidly clear down. The best places will be slacks and eddies close to the bank, and I do not think I can do better than recommend worms and breadcrust as baits, with some nicely made up bread and bran for ground bait. A few worms introduced into the latter would make it additionally attractive.

The Thames has been running like a mill race, and anglers will rejoice at the scour out to which it is being treated. It should bring much heavier baskets in its train. Only a few roach, dace, and pike have been reported caught in the Thames during the past week, and here and there these fish have also been met with in the tributaries. The Arun (Sussex) has been in full flood at Pulborough and Amberley, and I can only hear of a 2lb. bream and a 4lb. pike being taken. A few good roach have been caught with worms in the swollen Ouse, at Barcombe Mills, near Brighton.

Another fine pike is reported captured on the Norfolk Broads. It was taken on the Somerton water by Mr. Harrington and weighed just over 20½lb. The same angler has also landed other pike at Somerton. Some good roach have been basketed from the Bure and Thurne. Broadland waters should fish well now, under favourable conditions, for pike, roach, and perch, and here and there in the Yare, Bure, and Thurne, and on Ormesby Broad large bream are likely to reward enterprising anglers.

**Two Interesting Competitions.**

The London Anglers' Association has fixed the date for its annual benevolent fund match in the Lea for Feb. 25 next, and as the river is being well flushed those who take part in the event should meet with good sport, providing the weather favours. There is generally more colour in the Lea in January and February, and that condition is very desirable when its shy roach are taken into consideration.

I have also to announce another interesting competition in February—on the 18th of that month. This event is being organised by the Thames Valley League of Anglers, in aid of the funds of the Thames Angling Preservation Society, and the match ground will be between Richmond and Teddington locks. The competition is open to all members of clubs, and match tickets, price 1s., will be obtainable from Mr. J. E. Cohen, hon. sec., 137, Waldegrave-rd., Teddington.

By the way, I hear that a handsome silver cup has been presented by ex-King Manoel to the Thames Valley League of Anglers for competition.

Gales and muddy seas have been a handicap to operations with rod and line in salt water, and little sport has been reported since I last wrote. The run of big cod on the Norfolk and Suffolk coasts seems to have stopped, and it is thought that the fish have taken to deeper waters. There may, however, be a return of heavy cod when the water clears more inshore—they would then have a better chance of meeting with more natural food. Cod of 9lb. and 10lb. have recently been taken at Great Yarmouth and Southwold.

OLD IZAAK.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. W. SHARPE (Lincoln).—Simmer the hempseed—do not boil it fast—until a little white speck shows in it. It will then be ready for use. Thames anglers bait with one grain at a time on very tiny hooks—from Nos. 18 to 14 crystals.

## DIVORCE SUIT ECHO.

### WITNESS SENT TO GAOL FOR PERJURY.

Sentence of four months' imprisonment was passed by the Edinburgh Sheriff's Court on Andrew Soutar, shipwright, of Havannah-st., Millwall, who pleaded guilty to a charge of perjury.

The Procurator-Fiscal stated that in the witness-box on July 23 last during the hearing of a divorce case in the Court of Session, Soutar stated that he had not seen the defender, Margaret Soutar Hutton or Clark, after Aug. 23, 1919, until he saw her in court that day, the truth being that he had seen her on several occasions, and in particular had cohabited with her at Oxford in October, 1921.

## DWARF WEDS.

### CIRCUS BRIDE WHO WEIGHS 23 STONES.

A three-foot dwarf was married to "the largest lady," of the World's Fair Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington.

The bridegroom was Mr. Robert Goudin (42), who turns the scale at 42lb., and his bride was Miss Ruby Trix (21), who weighs 23 stones.

"My only regret," said Mr. Goudin, "is that my contract at the Agricultural Hall will make it necessary for our honeymoon to be postponed until the spring."

Mr. Goudin was born in Brazil and has travelled all over Europe and North and South America. He speaks nine languages.

# STORY OF A WEALTHY GODFATHER.

## LODGERS' LEGACY.

## COUPLE CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

An amazing story concerning money borrowed and a legacy from a godfather who died in Bulgaria, was told at Birmingham Police Court when Howard Bernstein (49), described as an insurance agent, and Agnes Simpson (39), were committed for trial.

They were charged with obtaining £80 from Miss Alice Mary Green, whose furnished rooms in Hall-rd., Handsworth, they occupied, with attempting to obtain £70 from the same woman, and with obtaining £2 from Ernest Edwin Lucas, of South-rd., by false pretences.

It was stated for the prosecution that the couple took the rooms as "Mr. and Mrs. Howard" in August last.

They both joined in telling the landlady that "Mrs. Howard" was heiress to a large sum of money from "Jimmy Beach," her godfather, who died in Bulgaria, leaving a tremendous fortune.

A large part of this money, it was alleged, was said to be at the Bank of England, Temple-row, Birmingham. The manager there was in communication with Somerset House, so that the whole matter might be cleared up.

### PRESENT OF A HOUSE.

Becoming acquainted with Mr. Lucas, continued the solicitor for the prosecution, they told him the same "Jimmy Beach" story, and further said they were anxious to make him a present of a house.

They even went so far as to negotiate for the purchase of a freehold house in St. Bernard's-rd., Olton, for £1,500. The contract was signed by the male accused in the name of "Henry Howard."

In December Simpson went to the house of Mr. Lucas and said she was £2 short of the money required for the deposit for the house, and she induced Miss Lucas, his daughter, to lend her the money.

Another loan was spoken of on Miss Green's title deeds, and she and "Mrs. Howard" went together to a moneylenders for this purpose. They were to raise £250, of which Miss Green was to advance £70 to the female prisoner.

A Mr. Duggan, who had interested himself in the case, however, discovered the alleged fraud, and arrived at the moneylenders in time to stop the loan.

When prisoners were arrested the female, it is alleged, said: "He (Bernstein) is not my husband. He has been my downfall. I have had £2 from Miss Lucas. I have told a lot of lies about having money in the Bank of England, Temple-row."

Bernstein, it was stated, said: "I will tell you everything now that it is found out. Mrs. Howard is not my wife. I knew there was no money at the Bank of England in Temple-row. She had about £100 from Miss Green.

She had the remainder to live on. I will stand by her if I get 12 months for it. I knew this game was played out."

The two were then charged, and the woman was said to have remarked to the man: "You have threatened me and made me get money from Miss Green and you have had most of it."

The man then said: "Don't say any more, Aggie; I will bear all the trouble for your sake."

Bernstein wrote a number of letters while the case was pending, addressed to Simpson. In one he wrote: "I want you to get well enough to face it out."

In another: "I am absolutely innocent of this charge. I thought the money was alright."

### RIFTS IN THE LUTE.

Miss Green, giving evidence, said that Simpson gave no fixed figure, but said that the sum coming to her was a very large one.

In reply to Mr. Willison (defending the woman) witness said while they were at her house there were frequent quarrels.

Ernest Edwin Lucas said that he became acquainted with the couple during the General Election. His daughter said they were "very nice people."

Bernstein offered to advance him capital for his business, and then the contract was signed for the purchase of the house at Olton.

It was stated by Mrs. Kate Wicks, of Lennox-st., Aston, that 12 months ago the couple were living near, and became very friendly with her.

They told her the same story of wealth to come, and there were many journeys to the Bank of England. Simpson always went inside alone. Witness added that in small amounts she lent the two prisoners nearly £50.

## WALKED INTO MUD.

### MAN'S SUICIDE IN A POOL.

Evidence given at an inquest at Liskeard, Cornwall, revealed that Samuel John Cowling, aged 44, a workhouse inmate, walked into a muddy pool up to his knees, and then threw himself forward into the shallow water, being either suffocated or drowned. The dead man's aunt lives in the town, but was not aware that he had returned from America, although he had been an inmate of the workhouse since last August.

P.C. Westlake said that the tracks showed that Cowling walked straight into the pond, sinking deeper into the mire at each step, and when the mud rose to his knees he appeared to have thrown himself forward in about 2ft. of mud and water.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane.

## SAVED BY HER HAIR.

### WOMAN SUSPENDED ON GARDEN RAILINGS.

Through her horse bolting a woman visitor to Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire, was thrown as the animal attempted to jump the railings surrounding a garden. The woman was suspended by her hair catching in the spikes.

The bridle of the horse also became fixed in the railings, and both horse and rider were thus prevented from falling into a low garden. They were rescued by workmen.

The only injury the woman rider sustained was a scalp wound.

# MODERN JACK SHEPPARD.

## EXIT FROM PARKHURST WITH THREE PALS.

Arthur Conmy, the convict who twice escaped from Parkhurst (Isle of Wight) Prison last year, has been removed to Dartmoor. He left Parkhurst, where his 12 days' freedom on the first occasion that he broke loose, created a record for that institution, on New Year's Day.

Conmy and a fellow convict took with them two pet mice.

Aboard the Southampton steamer they sat in a cabin near a warm fire. They never lost sight of the tiny bag, about the size of a corn merchant's sample bag, which contained their pets, and they shared their meals with them.

At one point one of the mice got out of the bag, but it did not attempt to escape. The owner put it back again with a friendly gesture, as much as to say "I am not going to part from you, my little friend."

Someone aboard spoke to one of the prison officers, but not to the convicts. They both turned to him and said, "Aren't you going to say good morning to us?"

"Certainly," the stranger replied, "Good morning, gentlemen."

Conmy is stated to be as determined as ever to escape, though he bears no ill-will against the prison officers.

The latter emphasise the fact that he has hurt no one during his wanderings to and fro in the island.

# DRAGGED DOWN STAIRS

## WOMAN'S STRUGGLE WITH NIGHT-INTRUDER.

Harry Shaw (45), watch cleaner, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude at the Leicestershire Quarter Sessions for causing bodily harm to Miss Dora Walker, at Owston, Leics.

Evidence showed that on Nov. 16 Miss Walker was awakened by her dog barking. She went to the bedroom door, which was open, and saw prisoner on the landing on his hands and knees. He sprang up and seized her by the arm and throat. A struggle took place, and Shaw eventually fell backwards down the stairs, dragging [illegible] him. She ran into the street in her night attire and roused the neighbours, who found Shaw lying on a bed pretending to be asleep.

Prisoner said he had no idea that Miss Walker lived in the house. It was previously occupied by a man whom he knew, and thinking the man would not mind, he climbed through the open window with the idea of getting a bed.

It was stated that Shaw had a number of previous convictions against him.

# DISHONOURED CHEQUE.

## HINT OF FURTHER CHARGES AGAINST WOULD-BE M.P.

A hint as to further charges and a new statement by one of the accused were features of the resumed hearing at Marylebone Police Court of the charges against George Augustus Jennings, the defeated Independent candidate for North Paddington at the General Election and his co-defendants, Frank James Castell and Austin Dockney.

The principal charge against Jennings is one of forging and uttering a cheque for £1,500. Castell and Dockney were charged with Jennings with conspiracy to defraud.

Castell's statement was to the effect that he met Jennings in June and became interested in a certain coal product he was handling. He agreed to take part of Jennings' interest for £2,000 and to accept two bills for £500.

He found himself, the statement proceeded, unable to raise the money, and in the meantime, suggested to a man, whom he knew as John Robertson, that he should put some money into the scheme.

Later, he (Castell) agreed to advance Jennings £1,010, and in return Robertson handed him (Castell) his cheque for £1,500.

"I was not officially notified," the statement proceeded, "that Robertson's cheque was dishonoured, but later Jennings told me that mine was.

"I drew the natural conclusion that Robertson's was also, and on seeing him he told me he had drawn it on his Bolton bank in error."

The case was again adjourned, Mr. Muskett, for the prosecution, stating that at the next hearing he would be prepared to outline a further set of charges.

## ROOF COLLAPSE.

### SLEEPING SISTERS' NARROW ESCAPE.

Two sisters and a brother had a narrow escape from serious injury, if not death, when the roof of their home in Crasswell-st., Landport, near Portsmouth, collapsed.

They are the daughters and son of James Forfar, a Corporation employee, and were asleep in the front and back bedrooms when the ceiling gave way and crashed through the beds.

The walls of the house also partly collapsed, but luckily not one of the trio received a scratch.

When James Forfar recovered from the shock he rushed to the rescue of his sisters, and when he had removed the debris from the bed he was relieved to find them uninjured.

Neither of the houses next door was affected, but the tenants have become so alarmed that they are now sleeping downstairs.

Crasswell-st. adjoins the Voller-st. area, which has been condemned by the medical officer and where a reconstruction scheme is in progress. Some time ago a back house collapsed in this district, and as a result a boy lost his life.

## CARLISLE'S "DRY" RECORD.

Convictions for drunkenness in the Carlisle area, which is under a system of Government liquor control, numbered only 94 in 1922.

This figure compares with 154 convictions in 1921, and with an average of 250 a year before the war.

# "DEAD" MAN ANTICIPATES EXHUMATION.

## YEAR'S WANDERING ENDED.

## THREE-FOLD RIDDLE OF GRAVE.

The return home of Frank Eltome, the unemployed Oxford ex-soldier, after a year's absence from home, during which time he has been wandering about the country suffering from loss of memory, solves one mystery but leaves another that would have been regarded as too high a flight of imagination on the part of a writer of sensational novels, if he had made it part of a plot.

FRANK ELTOME (Before he disappeared).

Last August the body of an unknown man was recovered from the Thames, near Witney, Oxfordshire, and was buried in Northmoor Churchyard. Later, the clothing was "identified" as that of James Simmonds, of Northampton.

After being mourned as dead for some weeks, however, Simmonds walked into his parents' home at Northampton and greeted his father with the exclamation "Hullo, dad."

The identity of the dead man thus became a mystery again, but recently Mrs. Eltome, who lives in Kingston-rd., Oxford, was convinced on the evidence of a Witney inn-keeper and his wife, to whom a photograph was shown, that it was the body of her husband that lay in Northmoor Churchyard.

### TWO LEGACIES.

Eltome 12 months ago received news of two legacies, amounting to £2,000, from his father and mother, following his mother's death, and immediately left home to go to a solicitor's office some miles distant.

He was seen on the road there, but never reached his destination, vanishing apparently into thin air.

After all inquiries had proved fruitless, Mrs. Eltome was forced to the reluctant conclusion that her husband was dead, and this belief was turned into conviction by the information she lately got from Witney. A relative who consulted a clairvoyant, too, was told that Eltome had been drowned.

Mr. and Mrs. ELTOME, after the former's return home. [Photo: I.B.

Before Mrs. Eltome could touch the legacies, however, it was necessary to prove her husband's death legally, and it was the steps taken to do this that led to his dramatic re-appearance on the scene.

Mr. Frank Gray, M.P. for Oxford City, who has been assisting the Eltome family, applied to the Home Office on Mrs. Eltome's behalf for authority to have the body buried at Witney exhumed, and "The People," and some other newspapers, published a photograph of Eltome.

### MEMORY RESTORED.

One of these fell into the missing man's hands near Birmingham, and restored his memory. He walked into Solihull Police Station on Tuesday and revealed his identity, being sent to the infirmary till Mrs. Eltome, who was sent for at once, arrived.

Then there was a happy reunion of the pair, who at once left for home. Mr. Gray defrayed the expense of Mrs. Eltome's journey to Solihull.

Eltome, who still remembers very little of his past 12 months' wandering, states that he can just recall walking through Kent and visiting Eastbourne and Hastings, while he once called at Cardiff. He worked on farms most of the time, sometimes helping in the threshing. He decided to go for a ramble through the country after starting for the solicitor's office.

On Wednesday he spent his first day with his wife and his two children—Frankie, three years old, and Emily, aged 14—for the first time for a year.

Mrs. Eltome, who is overjoyed at her husband's return, hopes to set up in a little business with him soon, after a holiday to get over the terrible anxiety of the past year.

But who is the dead man buried at Witney? That question has still to be answered.

## SUICIDE BY FIRE.

### WOMAN'S NIGHTDRESS SOAKED WITH PARAFFIN.

Suicide during temporary insanity was the verdict returned at an inquest held at Groesfaen, near Pontypridd, Glamorgan, on Elizabeth Wyatt (34), who died from burns.

It was stated that following a quarrel with Samuel Baden Wyatt, a carpenter, her third husband, she saturated her nightdress with paraffin and made two attempts to set herself on fire. He prevented her.

Afterwards she was standing in front of the fire when the fumes from the paraffin became ignited. She was so badly burned about the body that she died 12 hours later.

# TUBING THROUGH BUTTONHOLE.

## CURATE'S GAS SUICIDE.

A curious method of committing suicide was employed by the Rev. George Jackson, curate at St. Aidan's Church, Sandhurst-grove, Leeds.

He was found dead by his landlady in an armchair in his sitting-room fully clothed and wearing an overcoat.

The end of a piece of gas tubing had been passed through a buttonhole of his overcoat, while the other end was attached to a bracket.

A verdict of "suicide, no evidence to show state of mind," was returned at the inquest.

Miss Mary Jackson said her brother was 38 years of age, and was last seen at his parents' home about a week before his death.

He returned to his lodgings after spending Christmas Day and Boxing Day with the family.

He was in his usual bright mood, and there was not the slightest indication that anything was wrong with him.

Mrs. Agnes Jackson, the mother, said her son had never made any complaints to her.

Dr. James Cummings, Spencer-place, said he had attended Mr. Jackson for eczema of the feet for about 10 weeks.

The coroner, referring to a letter addressed to Mrs. Jackson, which was not read in court, said: "It is obvious from this letter that your son did this purposely. He says: 'The fact is I don't feel I can go on any longer. My life seems to be a misfit, or failure.'"

The Coroner (to Mrs. Jackson): He has never said anything to you to suggest that, has he? Never.

The coroner expressed his sorrow at the tragic end of a life that he thought would have proved not only useful, but probably brilliant.

## HOUSEBREAKERS AT 16.

### BOY'S AMAZING CAREER OF CRIME.

A boy of 16, Frederick Kay, of Benwell-rd., Holloway, was sent to Borstal for three years by the Surrey Quarter Sessions, held at Kingston-on-Thames.

He admitted breaking into a house at Twickenham, and the police said there was another charge against him of stealing cheques to the value of £68.

The boy had been employed as a messenger, and was entrusted with an attache case containing £52 in notes and £68 in cheques. When arrested the cheques were in his possession.

A Canterbury boy, Richard Sullivan (16), pleaded guilty to three charges of housebreaking and stealing £56 worth of property.

Thirteen other cases of housebreaking, thefts of cash, bicycles, etc., were mentioned.

He had previously been in a reformatory, and he was now sent to Borstal for three years.

## STOCK TAKING.

### COURT CRITICISM OF ORDNANCE METHODS.

The manner in which stock is supervised at the Royal Army Ordnance Depot at Chilwell (Notts), was severely criticised by Sir Lancelot Rolleston, chairman at Notts Quarter Sessions.

The case was one in which Albert Edward Horner was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for stealing and receiving 1,833 ounces of platinum wire and 83 machinery parts containing platinum from the depot.

Richard Albert Bullock, 31, was sentenced to a similar period for receiving.

An Army officer admitted the stock was checked only once in three years.

The chairman said the court thought there was almost criminal lack of supervision.

It was practically inviting crime to allow valuable commodities to be left with such little supervision.

## BEAUTIFUL BANDIT.

### "RED" GANG LEADERS TO BE SHOT.

Leaders of a robber band responsible for 116 murders, a bandit named Kotov and a woman named Vinokorova have been sentenced by the Moscow Tribunal to be shot.

Kotov, who is 37 years old, is a man of fine physical appearance, says the Central News, and Vinokorova is a beautiful girl. They confessed to the leadership of a band of 13, six of whom are women. The gang entered houses, murdered the inmates by chopping off their heads and rifled the premises. When sufficient money was made from the proceeds they murdered the receivers of the stolen goods and the whole of their families.

## JUMP FOR LIFE.

### ESCAPE FROM RUNAWAY TRAIN.

An alarming railway mishap occurred on a siding at Alltwen, Swansea Valley.

An engine pulling eight full trucks of coal got out of control, and dashed down an incline towards the main line of the Midland Rly.

The driver, Tom Hall, of Birchgrove, and the fireman, Rowland Evans, jumped for their lives, and fortunately got clear without hurt, but the engine and trucks, gathering speed, smashed into the dead end of a siding. The wreckage was considerable and the main line was blocked.

## KICKED BY HER HORSE.

Mrs. Hope Barton, wife of the joint master of the Burton Foxhounds, was seriously injured while riding to hounds near Lincoln.

Her horse fell, and when trying to rise kicked Mrs. Barton on the head, inflicting a cut on the scalp and rendering her unconscious. Mrs. Barton is now making good progress.

## BRIDE'S GOLD BOUQUET.

Mrs. Selby-Lowndes, who was married at Brompton Parish Church to Captain W. D. Lidderdale, M.C., Dorset Imperial Yeomanry, wore a bright red velvet hat with a fur-trimmed duvetyn costume and carried a novel bouquet of yellow tulips encased in a stiff gold paper frill.

# DOCTOR'S CRIES IN THE NIGHT.

## JURY IN A QUANDARY.

## RICH WIDOW'S DEATH.

"We do not know where we are, we would like to give an open verdict," said the foreman of the jury at the inquest at Bournemouth on Mrs. Wilhelmina Connelly of Branksome Wood-rd.

Mrs. Connelly, whose age was given by two witnesses as "about 70" and "about 80," was the widow of the late Mr. Daniel Connelly, Consul for Norway and Sweden in Canada, and manager of the Hamburg Amerika Shipping Line.

The coroner said he could not accept an open verdict, but that he could adjourn the inquiry for analysis.

Dr. R. H. Barkwell said that he had known Mrs. Connelly for 11 years. He gave up a post at Birmingham Infirmary and went to live at her house as her medical adviser at her request. He had resided there for the past four years.

### AN OPIUM PILL.

Dr. Barkwell went on to say that the house, which belonged to Mrs. Connelly, was mortgaged. Mrs. Connelly was independent. She had no relatives in England, but there were three brothers abroad—two in Copenhagen and one in New York.

In reply to a question by the foreman the doctor said Mrs. Connelly had money in three banks in Copenhagen. He scouted the suggestion that he might benefit by the death of the deceased. "I am quite independent," he said.

There were no servants employed at the house beyond a caretaker and his wife. The woman did her own cooking, and witness helped on occasions.

Mr. Barkwell related what happened on the morning of the old lady's death. It was about two o'clock when he was aroused from his sleep by the calling of "Doctor!" and on going into her room he found her suffering from difficulty in breathing. He gave her some brandy and an opium pill of about half a grain.

The coroner put a question about the engagement of servants in the house, but witness said there had been none there during the four years of his residence.

Continuing his evidence the doctor said that he gave Mrs. Connelly an opium pill about two nights before her death. He gave her such a pill only on those occasions when she suffered pains in her back. She had complained to him that she could not climb the stairs so freely as formerly.

### PROPER TREATMENT.

Dr. Harold Simmons, who made a post-mortem said he thought death was caused by heart failure due to degeneration of the heart and blood vessels. His examination suggested that death was a natural one, although he would not say so. The opium pill was proper treatment.

The coroner said Dr. Barkwell had certified death as due to: 1. Rheumatic gout; 2. Aneurism.

Dr. Simmons: I have no reason to believe anything outside my own post-mortem.

Mrs. Florence Burbridge said that except to carry out their duties she and her husband had no access to the house. Just after 11 p.m., when she and her husband were in bed, she thought she heard a noise.

About an hour later she heard groaning. She went out on the landing and heard the doctor saying, "Oh, madame, she is dying, she is dying, and I'm here alone."

Mrs. Burbridge said she and her husband went downstairs to a landing where there was a door which was always kept locked. She asked the doctor if anything was wrong. He said, "Oh, yes, oh, yes," and let her in.

She found Mrs. Connelly apparently dying and went for another doctor. There was no bed linen on the bed, only dressing gowns.

Eventually the jury returned a verdict that death was due to heart failure arising from degeneration of the heart and blood vessels. They decided that Mrs. Connelly's age was 75.

## MOTOR-LORRY IN HOUSE.

### DISASTROUS END TO MISCHIEVOUS BOY'S PRANK.

While the driver of a heavy motor-lorry was inside a refreshment house in Brook-st., Hull, an eight-year-old boy, John McCormick, mounted the driver's seat, moved a lever, and set the vehicle in motion.

The lorry dashed along the middle of the street, crossed a road, then, in Cross-st., crashed into a lodging house, knocking down the wall of the house and entering the front room, where it was brought to a standstill by a piano standing against the far wall.

Two girls sitting in the room had a narrow escape, the elder girl dragging the younger into another room. Mrs. Anderson, the occupant of the house, is an invalid and was lying in an adjoining room.

The boy McCormick jumped from the driver's seat when the vehicle began to move and escaped injury, but another boy was knocked down.

## CAESAREAN OPERATION.

### WOMEN DOCTORS' SUCCESS.

A successful Caesarean operation was reported to the Swansea Maternity and Child Welfare Committee by the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Evans.

The operation, he said, was carried out by Drs. Bessie Gibbon and Kathleen M. Jones, and as a result mother and child were saved and were now doing well.

The Caesarean operation is the popular name for hysterotomy, the delivery of a child by cutting through the walls of the abdomen, as is said to have been done at the birth of Caesar.

## THE "BULL" ON THE BENCH.

"I don't see how even an official of the Ministry of Health can expect his wife to live on 12s. a week in these days—particularly when he doesn't give it to her."

This "bull" was perpetrated by a Willesden magistrate, Dr. J. S. Crone, who is president of the Irish Literary Society.

# TIN TACKS AND WEBBING AS CLUES.

## LONELY VILLA CRIME.

## ACCUSED MAN'S NOTES IN COURT.

A blue postcard bearing accused's name and an address, a strip of webbing such as is used in upholstering chairs, and a number of tin tacks were produced at Stockport (Cheshire) Police Court when Frederick Wood, aged 29, appeared to answer the charge of murdering Miss Margaret Gilchrist White.

It will be recalled that Miss White, a 50-year-old spinster, who lived with her brother at Invermay, an isolated villa at Bramhall, near Stockport, was found dead by him when he returned home from business on the evening of Dec. 18.

FREDERICK WOOD.

It was afterwards ascertain that Miss White had been strangled some seven hours previously.

The police in the course of their investigations invited through the medium of the Press a man named Fred Wood, described as a travelling upholsterer, to communicate with them in the hope that he might throw some light on the mystery.

Frederick Wood, who is now accused of the murder, visited Lincoln Police Station a few days afterwards and was subsequently handed over to the Cheshire police.

Wood, a short, slim, black-haired man, is described as a travelling upholsterer. He followed the evidence very closely when the charge against him was being investigated, taking many notes and frequently questioning the witnesses.

### BROTHER'S DISCOVERY.

Mr. Sefton Cohen, for the Public Prosecutor, intimated that the evidence would be of a remarkable character. No servants were kept at Invermay, he said, but there was a dog.

Since the death of her mother in June Miss White had had an income of £180. She kept her money in a cash-box in her bedroom. Her brother was a bank cashier in Manchester.

On Dec. 18, continued Mr. Cohen, Mr. White left home shortly before 8 a.m. At 9.15 a.m. a postman called and Miss White took in the letters. At 4.30 p.m. a girl called with some eggs and could not get any answer.

Mr. White reached home about 7 p.m. and found the house in darkness. On entering the sitting-room he stumbled over the body of his sister. An apron was over her head.

Dr. Thomson was called in and found Miss White had been dead for seven hours or more. This view was strengthened by the fact that no food was found in her stomach, and that indicated that she met her death before the time for her midday meal.

On the bed in Miss White's bedroom were three small metal boxes, one apparently a cash-box, which had been forced open. In Mr. White's bedroom a chest of drawers and a writing desk had been forced open, as had also a drawer of a dressing-table in a third bedroom.

It was evident, said Mr. Cohen, that cash only was wanted, because a gold watch and other jewellery had been left on Miss White's dressing-table. No trace could be found of any forcible entry into the house.

The case for the prosecution was that the man who forced the boxes was a man who was in Miss White's house at her invitation.

### DISCARDED TOOLS FOUND.

Mr. Cohen went on to say that a blue postcard bearing the words:—

"Fred Wood, c/o Mrs. Cooper, Church-st., Wilmslow,"

in Wood's handwriting was found in the house.

The police found that Wood, who had been staying at that address for two months, suddenly left on the morning of Dec. 18 without informing any friends of his intention.

They also found he had been doing upholstery work at various houses at Bramhall.

Mr. White found on his return home that a chair had been upholstered on the day of the sister's death. Some tin tacks were found and a piece of cloth similar to that used in upholstering the chair was in the kitchen.

A strip of webbing was also found beside Miss White's bed.

When charged with the murder, Wood replied, "I will say nothing." On the way back to Stockport Wood told the police where he had thrown away his tools, and a hammer and screwdriver were found in a field about 150 yards from Miss White's house.

There were marks on the screwdriver which fitted marks on the forced drawers and cash-box.

The dead woman's brother, Mr. John White, in the course of his evidence, said that his sister had made certain allegations against the man whose name appeared on the postcard.

Witness added that a chair which had recently been partly repaired was in the hall when he returned home and pieces of upholstering material were on the floor.

The further hearing was adjourned until Tuesday next.

Wood was present at the inquest on Miss White, which was adjourned until Jan. 17.

He asked the coroner for a reason for the adjournment, and the coroner replied that the only reason he could give was that time should be given for the completion of the police court proceedings.

The Rev. R. Coad Pryor, vicar of Hampton Hill, Middlesex, fell dead in his room after returning hurriedly from the church for bread for the Communion service.

**Tests For Motor Drivers.**—Stoke-on-Trent Corporation is asking for power to impose tests of physical fitness on persons seeking motor-car driving licenses.

# The TURF

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## IN MANCHESTER'S FOG.

### USEFUL WINNERS FROM COULTHWAITE'S STABLES.

It was not a particularly happy or enjoyable New Year's Day at Manchester. I suppose those in authority did not wish to break faith with the huge crowd that turned up, but it was really never fit for racing to start. There had been some frost, but not enough to make the course hard. The spoil sport was fog, and when three races had been run the stewards got their heads together and decided to postpone the three remaining races until next day, so that if it was a case of short comings on Monday, on Tuesday we had a card of nine races to get through.

**A Manchester Record.**

And this was not a record for Manchester. Under similar circumstances 11 years ago five races were put off till the next day, and a programme of 11 races decided. When I remarked that racing ought not to have been started on Monday I was thinking of the fact that when the horses were passing the post at the judge's box it was impossible from the rings to distinguish the colours. Horses and jockeys were simply phantom figures. The crowd could not follow the running, and the jockeys could scarcely find their way round.

Of Monday's racing all that can be written is that the three winners were Gardenraph, Poise and King Pippin, and that the last two were strong favourites, 4 to 1 having been paid on King Pippin, for the expected opposition of Hassock was not forthcoming.

Of course, the officials were up against a big job on Tuesday, but they carried it out in wonderful style, and the last race was run to time. Not only was there plenty of racing, but, what was more to the point, it was good. Steve Donoghue, who has been celebrating the New Year at Warrington, was an interested visitor. He tells me he has only put on a pound or two during the slack season, and can easily get it off. He goes to Switzerland in the course of a week or two.

**Jack Anthony's Winner.**

Ton. Coulthwaite saddled several horses, and he had three winners at wonderfully good prices, which is something unusual for the Hednesford stable. But Conqueror II., in the January Steeplechase, was not one of them. In fact, he had not been expected, although finishing third. But I am quite prepared to see him winning before the year becomes far advanced. As it was, Jack Anthony won rather readily on Forewarned, though that was only because Morning Star, after having the race won, deliberately turned it up.

Derry Boy II. proved a very capable substitute for the top weight, Groomsport, in the Chorlton Hurdle Handicap. Tuscan looked like doing the trick at the last hurdles, but the Hednesford horse, to my surprise I admit, had the better turn of speed on the flat. Envoy, ridden by Mr. Harry Brown, had the bad luck to break a blood vessel.

**Blazing Corn Soured.**

Evidently Blazing Corn has had enough of racing for the present. That is the only explanation of his performance in the Victory Steeplechase, for he was soon tailed off and never took up a position suggesting having anything to do with the finish. On the contrary Habton raced away from pillar to post and was never headed, for when the much-expected Hairpin II. became busy in the straight the Weyhill horse went away again. Harry Escott had had some fancy for the American-bred Duettiste. He ran well, but will do better later.

I have not seen a more cowardly display all that the season than that of Rung Ho in the Broughton Hurdle. When Peacock trained him on the flat he would not try, and he has made no improvement now that Jack Fergusson is schooling him for hurdling. He jumped on to the flat with the race won, but allowed Joseph the First to give him 29lb. and a clever beating. But even granted Rung Ho was a non-trier, it was a smart performance on the winner's part.

**Too Good for Fool Proof.**

Last week at Newbury I had been told to regard Fool Proof as a good thing for the Peel Park Selling Hurdle. But he fell across one too good in the Dunstall Park winner, Snake Ash, owned and trained by the Wolverhampton barber, Mr. A. J. Chamberlain.

As I had expected Trentino proved good enough to win the Manchester Steeplechase. As usual he went away at a rare burst, and though brushing some of his fences, was always able to keep in front and beat the much-fancied Bodyguard. The Grand National second, Drifter, ran and ran well, but his preparation is being timed for the National again.

Benediction in the Victory Hurdle was Coulthwaite's best winner. It looked like being an exciting finish at the last hurdles, but Benediction, who was ridden by Fred Rees, Frank Wootton being required for Charles Lever, had a lot in hand to finish with.

Mr. Porta completed the Hednesford hat trick in the Stand Hurdle, where he won with a nice bit in hand, and then Drumree scored a popular win in the last event of a memorable meeting for Mr. Sanday, the Cheshire owner and trainer.

## GATWICK FAVOURITES.

### NEWBURY SUCCESSES REPEATED BY PLAYERS.

It is surprising how the jumping business brightens up with the appearance of the New Year. There was nothing really startling in the Gatwick card on Wednesday, and yet the sport was quite sparkling and a great improvement upon what has been doing duty in the South recently. I suppose the fact that winners were so easy to find by following the money put more life into the business.

And what a delightful change from Manchester to follow the running in a perfect light! That, truly, was something to be thankful for, after cottonopolis experiences. By way of a start, punters "fastened on to" the Newbury winner, Turbine Secundus, for the Clayton Selling S'chase. They were good judges, for in this class the old horse is a force still to be reckoned with. Major Doyle brought him just at the right time, after The Saint IV. and Gay Scholar had been allowed to do the donkey work. At 22gs. the winner was bought in, so he should do the stable further good service.

**We Score With Warwick.**

We got our money for the day over Warwick in the Horley Selling Hurdle. Now that the ground is soft the old horse is almost unbeatable in this class. It was quite a runaway win, Ike Morgan taking Warwick clean away at the outset. They laid you evens against the good thing. We are not likely to have such an even-money chance again for a long time. Mr. Sigismund Cohen gave 80gs. for Warwick, but as Vic Tabor is his trainer, the horse does not change stables.

Square Dance shirked the Crawley S'chase, and so backers were properly struck upon Gerald L. He and White Surrey were always the leading pair, but Gerald was always going best, and in the end he finished with a lot to spare. The Bore was soon tailed off, and Mr. Harry Brown pulled him out. He tells me the old horse is very infirm, and will not stand another National preparation. Harrismith is a 'chaser that ran here and who, when fitter, will win a nice race.

**Easy for Duller.**

Instead of waiting for the four-year-old race, Bleheim went for and won the Moderate Hurdle Handicap, as he was likely to do on his last running. Duller had the mount, and he simply came and won it as he liked from Blacking and Topical Charlie, after the latter had looked like doing the trick at the last hurdles. Topical Charlie is likely to be winning shortly.

Schiddles went a rare gallop in the Purley S'chase, being out a hundred yards in front when the favourite, Broadway, toppled over. The latter's mishap then made no difference to the result, for Schiddles had taken such a position that his defeat was absolutely impossible.

George Duller had another comfortable ride on Eastern Prince—still another successful favourite—in the Four-Years-Old Hurdle Handicap. The three penalised horses, King Pippin, Gerald D. and Gasper, did not face the music, so that Eastern Prince, allowed 23lbs. from King Pippin, did look a good thing. He had previously finished third in his three hurdle engagements, so was not winning out of his turn.

## POOLE'S DOUBLE.

### ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR GOLLY EYES.

It was a treat to race under such delightful conditions as we enjoyed at Gatwick on Thursday. An invigorating atmosphere, with plenty of sunshine, left little to be desired; whilst the course provided better going than on the opening afternoon.

Of course, Turbine Secundus was not pulled out again for the Leatherhead Steeplechase, whilst Ned Carver gave way to a capable substitute in Memento. The latter had had his race won when falling at Newbury, and backers remembered the fact and laid odds on him. They never had any qualms, for he was always going like a winner, and though both Matcho Pazni and Governor Wood became busy in the straight, the favourite really won as he liked, to be bought in for 210gs.

**An Allden Winner.**

I had made out Care Free to be reasonably good business for the Caterham Selling Hurdle Handicap, but the stable decided to run Rivobed instead. Rivobed's chance was not so apparent. But it was soon evident he was fancied and the public took the tip and helped themselves, though a still stronger favourite was Ilderton. The pair had the finish to themselves, but Percy Allden's mount had much the better turn of speed to finish with, and was a smart winner, being then bought in for 200gs.

It was expected that Sheam Spadah would make his first appearance of the season in the Hookwood Chase, but Poole saddled White Ronald instead, and a very capable substitute, too. There were but three runners and Sheepshead, who has never won a steeplechase, set a rare pace until falling at the first fence in the straight the second time round. Then Ballinode and the favourite jumped the remaining fences together and a good race ended in the favourite's favour by a neck, but it was rather a comfortable win and the margin could have been extended had Len Rees desired it. Sheepshead is a winner before long.

**George Duller in Form.**

Golly Eyes is in rare trim just now. He had won easily enough at Hurst Park last month, and now repeated the performance in the Reigate Hurdle. George Duller rode one of his characteristic races and simply won as he pleased. Wanton, as at Lingfield, had to put up with second place. He is not so smart as his connections believed. There had been a strong tip for Steady Scotch. He figured prominently, but was beaten when called upon for a finishing effort.

Far and Away experienced little difficulty in repeating his Cheltenham success in the Amateur Riders' Steeplechase, for he led from start to finish. Lord Callart, who had been with him fell at the second fence in the straight and Ormskirk could not fairly extend him.

Junk was a smart winner of the Maiden Hurdle. At the same time I think he was a trifle lucky, for L'Estrange did not particularly shine on Simon's Light, after once having got it won.

## RACING JOTTINGS.

I had a chat with Cecil Young at Gatwick and he tells me that he has 30 boxes down at Findon, but only eight horses. This capable young trainer can prepare winners, either over the jumps or on the flat, and with good gallops at his disposal should meet with more support from owners desirous of having their horses with someone who thoroughly understands his business.

"It's time they shifted racing from here," was the remark of a disappointed local at Castle Irwell on Monday. But any part of Cottonopolis would be the same. One must always expect either fog or rain at Manchester. I do not know if the two elements are specially reserved for race time there, but we usually get one or the other or both during the winter at all events.

The fact that nine races had to be decided on Tuesday caused a general dive into racing history. The record in this direction was made on Thursday, Oct. 21, 1878, when, at Newmarket, on the fourth day of the Houghton meeting, which then lasted from Monday to Saturday, there was a card of 13 events, but it was reduced to 11 actual races, forfeit being paid in a match, and another event ended in a walk over. The six days' racing provided 53 races, and the walk-over, with three matches, in which forfeit was paid.

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Frank Wootton is by no means the first jockey to beg off a winning mount to ride another horse. He should have ridden Benediction at Manchester, but was let off to ride the favourite, Charles Lever, who finished second.

I should imagine it is a near thing between Holdcroft and Habton as to which is the faster two-mile 'chaser. Habton went some pace on Tuesday, but at level weight Holdcroft could probably move a bit swifter.

A very useful three timer—Derry Boy II., Benediction and Mr. Porta who completed a Hednesford treble at Manchester.

The French plan of naming races after famous horses is to be followed at Lingfield next month, when we are to have a Manifesto Steeplechase, a General Peace Hurdle, and a Troytown Steeplechase.

Though Jack Anthony rode a winner at Manchester, he has not fully recovered from his spill at Derby, and after riding at Tenby this week he intends taking a Continental holiday.

Duettiste was sent over here from America last year with a view to the National, but did not run in it owing to breaking down. He ran in the Victory Steeplechase at Manchester, but "cut no ice," though expected by Escott to run well.

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Walter Earl is soon having his empty boxes occupied. Bart Snowball, Desert Rose, and the Volta-Amphora two-year-old, owned by Mr. H. Miller, have arrived at his place.

The run of successful favourites on Wednesday at Gatwick did not suit the fielders, especially those who had been at Manchester in the fog.

It very much appears as if the days of usefulness as a racer of The Bore are nearly over. He has become quite an infirm old man.

A feature of current racing is the success in the saddle of Major Doyle. It is gratifying, indeed, to find an amateur fully capable of holding his own with the professionals, for we have so few that can do so.

There was a quiet paddock tip on Wednesday for Harrismith in the Crawley Steeplechase. He is quite a nice type of horse, but Billy Payne has not yet got him anything like wound up.

The highly successful Stadium Club in High Holborn, which is devoted to amateur sport, will soon be celebrating the anniversary of its opening. To-night the London Hippodrome Orchestra is giving a concert, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the funds of the National Orthopaedic Hospital. Next Thursday the British Legion Boxing Tournament is decided. The Duke of York has graciously intimated his intention of being present.

While schooling on Monday Goldsnatcher, five years, by King Midas-Deborah, a promising young jumper, trained by Mr. W. A. McKie, met with a serious accident and had to be destroyed. This is a great loss to his owner, Mr. Staunton Hedges, and also to his able trainer, who, by the way, could do with a few more horses in his new stables at Lewes.

## MEN OF MARK.

### BUCHAN AND ELLIOTT LEADING GOAL-SCORERS.

The goal that Buchan scored for Sunderland against Birmingham brings him level with Elliott, of Middlesbrough, each having found the net 18 times in the first half of the season. [illegible] have obtained only 75 goals and of these James Broad claims [illegible] being third on the [illegible] list of scorers with Chambers [illegible] and Paterson (Sunderland) equal fourth with 14.

In the Second Division [illegible] Coventry City, is now at the head of affairs with [illegible] Bedford (Blackpool) being second with [illegible] Newport County and Watson (West Ham United) are equal third with 14 goals and the following players have each scored 13: [illegible] Rotherham County, D[illegible] (Barnsley).

Pagnam (Watford) has not been idle during the holidays and he has now found the net [illegible] times, this being the [illegible] in the [illegible] divisions. He has a lead [illegible] goals over Fairclough [illegible] and then [illegible] Smith (Swansea Town) with [illegible] and Goodwin (Southend United) with [illegible].

Littlewood (Nelson) has scored a dozen goals in the Northern Section matches and [illegible] the head of the table [illegible] the following three players [illegible] each obtained 11 goals: Kitson, Halifax Town; Robertson, Accrington; and Beel, Chesterfield.

## GOLF PRO. INSURED FOR £20,000.

Gene Sarazen, the American open golf champion, has signed a two years' contract as professional to the Briarcliff Lodge Country Club, New York. His salary is said to be the largest ever paid to a golf professional in the United States, and he has been insured for £20,000 by his new employers. This is said to be the first time a golf club has insured its professional. It is understood that the terms of Sarazen's contract permit him to take part in any tours or tournaments he wishes.

## WELSH RUGBY TRIALS.

### TEAMS FOR THE FINAL MATCH.

Glamorgan beat Monmouthshire easily by 3 goals and 3 tries (21 points) to a dropped goal and a try (7 points) in the Welsh Rugby Trial match at Cardiff, after which the teams for the final trial match at Newport on Thursday were chosen as follows:—

PROBABLES.—J. Rees (Swansea); T. Johnson (Cardiff), R. Cornish (Cardiff), A. Jenkins (Llanelly), Rowe Harding (Swansea); W. Delahay (Bridgend), J. C. M. Lewis (Cardiff); T. Roberts (Newport), M. G. Davies (Cardiff), G. Michael (Swansea), Ambrose Baker (Neath), Cliff Williams (Llanelly), T. Brown (Mountain Ash), W. Lewis (Swansea) and W. Radford (Newport).

REST OF WALES.—O. Male (Pontypool); T. [illegible] (Mountain Ash), Wyndham Jones (Newport), I. Finch (Llanelly), Cliff Richards (Pontypool); W. J. Hopkins (Aberavon), [illegible] Coughlan (Mountain Ash); L. Richards (Maesteg), [illegible] Morris (Cross Keys), D. Pascoe (Bridgend), W. Richards (Skewen), J. Jones (Neath), Cecil Thomas (Llanelly), J. Thomson (Cross Keys), and [illegible] Jenkins (Aberavon).

## WHIST DRIVES FOR THE BLIND.

In the season of 1921-22 a net profit of over £4,000 was made from the whist championship held for the benefit of St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors and the National Institute for the Blind, this amount being equally divided between the two charities.

This season is on even more ambitious lines, and qualifying drives are being organised in every village and town throughout the country. A silver cup is to be awarded to the champion of each county, and these players, with the runners-up in each case, will compete in a final drive. Those willing to organise local functions should communicate with Mr. Harvey Lloyd, Chief Organiser, 30 [illegible], Bolsover-st., London, W.1.

## "ALL-IN" FIGHT.

### BOXERS TORN APART BY POLICE.

The greatest "all-in" fight ever seen in a boxing ring in Pittsburg occurred there on New Year's night between Harry Greb and Bob Roper, and if the glove professors of England ever follow the example of Greb and Roper, British promoters will have to build a hall five times the size of Olympia to house the anxious fans.

The fight began tamely enough, says the "New York Herald," but yells of "Fake!" at the end of the second round lashed the men into viciousness and they went at one another like wild cats. The rules were thrown to the winds, the referee's expostulations were ignored, and the boxers "did everything except bite and kick."

After the final gong Greb and Roper went on fighting like tigers, and the police had to enter the ring and tear the men apart.

Greb was declared the winner of Pittsburg's One Great Battle.

## MIDLAND GOLF DATES.

Some of the more important fixtures for the season have already been arranged by the Midland Professional Golfers' Association.

The first important event is the Midland professional foursome tournament, which will be decided at Walmley on March 13, 14 and 15. The Midland challenge cups, which will be contested in conjunction with the Midland section's qualifying competition for the £1,000 tournament, are to be competed for at Finham Park, Coventry, on April 18, while the Midland Counties Championship will be decided in conjunction with the qualifying competition for the £750 tournament on Sept. 5 at Edgbaston.

Warwickshire and Worcestershire professionals will meet at Copt Heath, Birmingham, on March 28, while Midland amateurs and Midland professionals will meet on Oct. 10. The qualifying competition of the section for the assistant professionals' tournament takes place at [illegible] on March 8.

## IN THE PADDOCK.—No. 1.

JACK ANTHONY. [Photo: Sport & General.

There are no flies on Jack Anthony. What he does not know about riding over the jumps is not worth knowing. One has to start young to make a crack steeplechase rider, and Jack had his first ride in public when 15, and was only a month over 16 when he was up on his first winner. Since then he has ridden hundreds of winners, including Glenside, Ally Sloper, and Troytown in the Grand National. When George Parfrement came over here from France Jack Anthony was an amateur, and many were the tilts the pair had, in which the amateur more often than not came out top dog, so much so that Parfrement was one of his opponent's staunchest admirers.

Prior to this Ivor Anthony, with 78 successes, held the record for the greatest number of winning rides in 12 months, but that has now been equalled by brother Jack, and but for his accident on Newlands at Derby a week or two back, which kept him out of the saddle until Friday at Newbury, a new record would no doubt have been set up. Jack Anthony will be the first to admit how helpful has been the advice which his brother Ivor has imparted to him, but the best service Ivor ever tendered him was in Glenside's National, when Jack was all but out of the saddle during a critical portion of the race, but Ivor, riding alongside, succeeded in pushing him back into the saddle. Not only is Anthony a splendid horseman, but he is a capital race rider—the two things are not necessarily synonymous—always displaying the best of judgment when in the saddle.

The good feeling that exists between the two brothers can be judged from the fact that when I mentioned to Jack that he had not beaten Ivor's record, he replied, "I have equalled it, and did not wish to do more. I am perfectly satisfied."

## POWDERHALL SPRINT.

### WINNER IN 1910 GETS HOME BY A FOOT.

The Powderhall New Year handicap, which retains pride of place among professional running events, this year attracted an entry of 250, which necessitated 33 heats in the first round. The final was won by J. Riach, of Ratho, Edinburgh, on Tuesday in 11 29-32 sec. Riach was also the winner in 1910, and is 35 years of age. Details:

130 YARDS (FINAL).

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| J. Riach, Ratho, 15 | 1 |
| T. Baillie, Musselburgh, 10 | 2 |
| W. Herriott, Portobello, 13 | 3 |
| W. Donkin, Benwell, 10 | 4 |
| J. S. Thomson, Edinburgh, 16½ | 5 |

Betting: 7 to 4 on Baillie, 5 to 2 against Riach.—Baillie made a great effort to get up, but Riach finished strongly and won by a foot, yard; 11 29-32sec., a record for the race.

10 MILES SCRATCH RACE HANDICAP.—G. McCrae, Bonknock, 1; J. Lindsay, Dreghorn, 2; R. E. Cole, Hereford, 3; 30yds, 200yds; 51min 54sec.

Handicap result.—J. Kerr, Alloa, 5min 15sec, 1; J. Jarvie, Kilsyth, 4min 30sec.

McCrae, Lindsay, and Cole, last year's winner, were the only scratch men to compete. The last-named was never in the hunt, but the other two ran a neck-and-neck race for most of the distance. They alternately led, and with a lap to go Lindsay pulled out ten yards and at the bend he increased his lead. McCrae, however, challenged and succeeded in drawing level 80 yards from the tape, when Lindsay collapsed. McCrae as a result won comfortably.

BOYS 100 YARDS.—Final: W. Carson, Dalkeith, 1; A. Callaghan, Wishaw, 2; C. Edwards, Perth, 3; yd, inches; 12 2-16sec.

220 YARDS.—Final: L. Foster, Oldham, 13, 1; J. Sanderson, Edinburgh, 16, 2; E. Morgan, Barry, 14, 3; D. Robb, Edinburgh, 12, 4; yd, 1½ yds. 22 10-16sec. Betting: 2 to 1 on Foster, 6 to 1 against Sanderson, 8 to 1 against Edwards, and 12 to 1 each against others.

## OXFORD WIN SKI RACE.

### NORWEGIAN THE FIRST MAN HOME.

The second annual cross-country ski race between Oxford and Cambridge took place at Wengen, Switzerland, under excellent conditions, and resulted in a win for Oxford by nine points. Klaveness (Balliol), a Norwegian, who captained the Oxford side, was first, and another Oxford man, Carlton, a Rhodes scholar and champion ski-runner of Eastern America, was second. The Cambridge captain, Leonard Dobbs (St. John's), was third, and C. Stang (Queen's, Oxford) fourth.

The course, a fairly easy one, about three miles long, with a descent of three thousand feet, contained a gruelling piece of uphill work which favoured the strong runners. Klaveness, who finished first last year also, completed the course in the excellent time of 14min 6sec. Carlton's time was 16min 30sec, Dobbs' 17min [illegible], and Stang's 17min [illegible].

Some hundreds of spectators watched the race with interest, the majority gathering round the gap below the Wengernalp, where there was a somewhat exciting drop which brought down several of the runners. Shortly after the start Armstrong (Oxford) fell and twisted his knee, and had to retire. The teams consisted of five members, and the first four in each team to pass the post scored points for their side, the winner of the race scoring 8 marks, the second 7 marks, and so on.

## SOUTHERN COUNTIES C.U.

The annual general meeting of the Southern Counties Cycling Union will be held at the George Hotel, 213, Strand, W.C., opposite the Law Courts, on Monday, Jan. 22, commencing at 6.45 p.m. A lengthy agenda has to be got through, including the adoption of the following programme of events for 1923:—Good Friday meeting, March 30; Bushey Park meet, May 19; [illegible] 50 miles, June 16; Madison Race, June 20; [illegible] Gray 120, July 8; hill climb, Oct. 11. The report shows that notwithstanding the financial loss on last year's Madison meeting, the Union's financial position continues to be on a sound financial basis.

## SPRING HANDICAP ENTRIES.

### LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

(Run Wednesday, March 21. 1m.)

Weathervane
Picardy
Manner's Pride
Baldonnie
Evander
Pondoland
Set Off
Argo
Verny
Blackland
Cornsack
Vivaldi
Pinnara
Royal
Harpenden
Dramp
Drake's Drum
Crubenmore
Bideford
Westmead
Pinecrest
Express Delivery
Roman Rochester
Feathered Arrow
Dry Toast
Aclare
Werwolf
Athens
Owen
Monarch
Tomahawk
Valiant
Rafter
Kano Snugger
Highlander
Widow Bird
Lembach
Dentone
Granely
Clerknaben
Humpty Dumpty
Tregonwell
Royal Alarm
The O'Donoghue
Erchwemes
Royal Bucks
King Pippin
White Bud
The Night Patrol
Tons of Money
Tremola
Port Royal
Parmenus
Cruiser Are
Foundation
George Lowe
Condover
Psychology
George Drake
Time
Victory Speech
Berkeley
Aminia
Linby
Black Gown
Miss Junior
Yoo Yoo
Bilgho
Lord of Burghley
Miss Majority

### LIVERPOOL CUP.

(Run Thursday, March 22. 1m. 2f.)

Will Somers
Evander
Set Off
Yokel
Holy War
Pernovo
Rhuidhanoch
First Wheat
Gasper
Southern Flight
Highlander
Mirbolife
Austin Friars
Royal Alarm
The O'Donoghue
Erchwemes
Clerknaben
Sanhedrim
Tregonwell
Sir Greysteel
Orvo
Silurian
Simmer
Sprig of Orange
Elinard
Poolah
Bumble Bee
Valiant

### GREAT METROPOLITAN.

(Run at Epsom Tuesday, April 24. 2¼m.)

Bancabel
Sengrail
Panthias
Hunt Law
Cottage
Crail
Tomatin
Mellhous
Bolsco
Pesce Horse
Lady Diana
Chitlington
Augeat
Bellman
Tharros
East Tor
Junius
Badenbey
Rowing Machine
First Wheat
Errant Lad
Sailor Son
Broken Faith
Bonmoyne
Donna Inez
Chivalrous
Great Joy
Jappsol
Jilted
Achanalt
Another Attraction
Southern Flight
Glass Idol
Flint Jack
Soliman's Orb
White Satin
Ceylonese
Carthage
Tons of Money
Arravale
Marvier
Highbrow
Silurian
Bose
Twickenham
Light Dragoon
Servitude
Adorna
Leonoble
Bucks
Herod Philip
Cyrian
Rivetter

### CITY AND SUBURBAN.

(Run Wednesday, April 25. 1¼m.)

Holy Friar
Evander
Pondoland
Copyright
Pictura
Cornsack
Re-Echo
Stratford
Leighon Tor
Vivaldi
Great Star
Dry Toast
Sobriquet
Westmead
Roman Fiddle
Prunus
Monarch
King Pippin
Royal Bucks
Highlander
Granely
Clerknaben
Sanhedrim
Corcyrian
The O'Donoghue
Royal Alarm
Erchwemes
Aaron
Rock Fire
Eaglehawk
Condover
George Lowe
Port Royal
Tremola
Franklin
Epinard
Earthe
Grazing
Lord of Burghley
Guillemont

### THE JUBILEE.

(Run at Kempton, May 12. 1¼m.)

Evander
Holy Friar
Pondoland
Argo
Dick Turpin II.
Spike Island
St. Louis
Welsh Spear
Tanglewood
Cornsack
Re-Echo
Crubenmore
Harpenden
Stratford
Leighon Tor
Great Star
Vivaldi
Sea of Glory
Forecast
Royal Lancer
Tri[illegible]
Dry Toast
Sobriquet
Express Delivery
Joyeux Drille
Simon Pure
Westmead
Monarch
Royal Alarm
Erchwemes
The O'Donoghue
Corcyrian
Montserrat
Rock Fire
Eaglehawk
Ceylonese
Highlander
Sprig of Orange
Granely
Clerknaben
Sanhedrim
Earthe
Phaon
Mounette
Tarionte
Tremola
Port Royal
Brecmer
Franklin
Blandford
Condover
Psychology
George Drake
Craigangower
Jackdaw of Rheims
Little Martin
Guillemont

### MANCHESTER CUP.

(Run Friday, May 25. 1½m.)

Mileabo
Evander
Pondoland
Argo
Hunt Law
Spike Island
Welsh Spear
St. Louis
Tanglewood
Copyright
Wilton
Harpenden
Double Markle
Pride of Ulster
Sea of Glory
Young Pole
Royal Lancer
Diligence
Yokel
Dry Toast
First Wheat
Carpathus
Sobriquet
Express Delivery
Joyeux Drille
The Villager
Rhuidhanoch
Varinas
Monarch
Tracer
Sir Greysteel
Southern Flight
Captain Fracasse
Carthage
Happy Man
Soubriquet
Marks Hussar
Ceylonese
Eaglehawk
Thoughtless
North Waltham
Sanhedrim
Arravale
Irish Battle
Blandford
Irish Dolly
Munro Head
Harvest
Epidaurus
Silurian
Highbrow
Kinard
Servitude
Craigangower
Bucks

### ASCOT GOLD CUP.

(Run June 21.)

Maespen II. 4, Ambalola's sealed entry, Darbs Hussar 4, Ceylonese 4, Express Delivery 4, Condover 4, [illegible] 4, Kasaria 4, Valiat 3, Ballyheron 5, Dauphin 5, Mr. J. Cooper's sealed entry, Sir Michael Kinahan's sealed entry, Harpenden 4, Dry Toast 4, Blandford 4, Silurian 4, Soliman's Orb 4, Happy Man 4, Tanglewood 4, Copyright 3, Captain Fracasse 4, Le Roi 3, False Alarm 3, Sobriquet 4, Stratford 4, Aguilar 3, Double Markle 3. Pride of Ulster 5, Spike Island 4, Royal Lancer 4, Diligence 4, Admiral of the Fleet, Sir [illegible] sealed entry, Irish Battle 4, Blake Head 5, [illegible] 5, Flamburg 5, Welsh Spear 4, St. Louis 4, [illegible] 3, Yokel 5, Venture 5, Triumph 4, [illegible] 3, Bean [illegible], Mont Blanc 4, Baton Rouge 4, Mileabo 5, [illegible] 3, Simon Pure 4, [illegible] 4, [illegible] 4, [illegible] 3, Craigangower 4, Carpathus 4, Chivalrous 5, Sanhedrim 4, [illegible] 4, North Waltham 4, Captain Cuttle 4.

## VALUELESS ROUBLE.

### EX-TRAINER'S SPECULATION.

Major the Hon. Francis William White, lately a trainer of horses at Clandon and West Horsley, Surrey, who failed with liabilities amounting to £3,208, and assets £30, was examined in bankruptcy at Guildford (Surrey).

He said he did not regard as a tangible asset roubles standing to his credit in the Russo-Asiatic Bank, Petrograd. In 1915, as a speculation, he paid £5,000 for 57,000 roubles.

"To-day," said the deputy official receiver, "the rate of currency is 97,000,000 roubles to the English pound, so that your holding is not of the slightest value."

As rent at Horsley and Clandon, Major White said that he paid £200 a year. In addition he had a flat in New Cavendish-st., London, at a rent of £180 per annum. He calculated that in two years he made a profit of £982, but for the same period the personal expenses of himself, his wife, and daughter were £2,382.

When he started business at Clandon in 1920 he was on the wrong side to the extent of £1,500. A friend guaranteed an overdraft of £1,000 at Cox's Bank. Another friend, Mr. J. R. Kinloch, gave him one-third of his half share in the businesses of M'Ausland and Co., Lanark, and J. J. Kinloch, Edinburgh, knitted clothing manufacturers, but the businesses did not yield a profit, and Major White, therefore, said he did not derive any benefit.

The major added that he earned a profit of £135 by selling horses for £2,000 belonging to a Mr. Brandon.

Major White said that for some time he received a salary of £500 a year as secretary of the British Homestead Association.

The examination was adjourned for closing.

## CUMBERLAND RUGBY CUP.

The draw for the first round of the Cumberland Rugby League Cup is as follows:—Millom v. Glasson Rangers, Maryport v. Workington, Wath Brow v. Brookland Rovers, Great Clifton v. Broughton Moor, Egremont Rangers v. Millom Pt., Aspatria Hornets v. Cleator United, Hensingham v. Seaton, Dearham Wanderers v. Flimby United.

## LIVERPOOL BOXING.

### KID MOOSE WINS A GREAT CONTEST.

Kid Moose, the welter-weight champion of Canada, and Billy Pritchard, the "fighting postman," of Stalbridge, met at the Liverpool Stadium on Thursday night. Their last encounter in the same square ended in a draw, neither being satisfied. The opening rounds on this occasion were fought with extreme vigour and there was little between them. Pritchard paid a short visit to the boards in the fourth, but later fought strongly. Both took punishment freely as a rousing bout proceeded, and at half-distance Moose was a shade in front. The latter forced matters strongly in the later stages and never gave Pritchard a moment's respite. Moose gained the verdict on points.

Jimmy Corp, the winner of "The Ring" belt, received a surprise when he was beaten by Harry Gent, of Chorley. Just before the fifth bell the Londoner was floored by a terrific uppercut, and it appeared as if he would take the full count. The bell saved this and he was rushed to his corner, but the towel came in before the minute's interval intervened.

Mike M'Tigue and Harry Reeve, Plaistow, have been matched over 20 rounds at the Liverpool Stadium on Monday, Jan. 15. M'Tigue meets O'Dowd in New York on March 17.

## CIVIL SERVICE BILLIARDS.

Much interest is being taken in the billiards tournament for the Civil Service championship of the British Isles, organised by the Civil Service Sports Council.

For the purpose of the tournament the country has been divided into small sections, so that even moderate players may enter the tournament, not necessarily in the hope of winning premier honours, but with a view to obtaining the championship of a postal area.

The tournament is being run in aid of the C.S.S.C. funds, and it is expected that there will be a very large entry.

Entries close on Jan. 15, and civil servants who have not been reached by the council's circulars, and who desire to compete, should communicate with the honorary organising secretary, J. A. Kenyon-Lees, 30, Turney-rd., Dulwich, S.E.21.

# "FOG-BOUND"

## BY JOSEPH GOLLOMB

### CHAPTER XVI.

#### NAIDA PLAYS.

Something that had the penetrating quality of a faint, unlocated wail crept into Eileen's drugged sleep. At first it seemed of the texture of dreaming. Then, as it persisted, Eileen realised the sound was real. It blended something familiar with some element of the unexpected. Laboriously Eileen identified it as coming from a violin tentatively touched with a bow, coming from Naida's room, which was separated from Eileen's by a short corridor.

The agony in Eileen's head was gone, though there remained a soreness so acute it came near to pain. She was content to lie in bed listening to the fitful playing. Then she began to wonder at it.

It was more than two years since Naida had touched her violin. Once after the fire, which, as Eileen told Inspector Hawley, had seared Naida's fingers, she had tried to play. As the hurt fingers pressed upon the strings, Eileen saw anguish pass through her. Never since then had Naida even approached the beautiful Cremona that had once produced such music under her playing.

Now Eileen recognised even its tone. Naida never permitted anyone else to touch it. Could it be for some strange reason she was subjecting herself to the torture it must be for her to play it.

Rising, she went to her door, and without noticing that it was ajar, went out quietly into the corridor. The sound of the violin came from Naida's room. Eileen would have opened Naida's door and looked in. But the memory of disagreeable things she had said, even though under the lash of suffering, held her back. Naida's cold rages took long to get over, and at that moment Naida was probably furious at her. And Eileen was not equal to apology and prostration.

But curiosity drew her to Naida's door to listen. She noticed an interesting alternation in the playing. Most of it was marred, wavering, lacking in attack. Tears came to Eileen's eyes as she remembered why.

Then, as though Naida were determined to achieve beauty, no matter what it cost her, there followed a swift arpeggio of her old-time playing, lovely if cold, perfect, triumphant. But it was swift and nervous in tempo, as though is were wrought in spite of flesh in agony. Each time it was cut off as though with a snatching away of the hand; and a sort of moan sounded, with lips pressed to keep from crying out.

Silence followed. Then again the tentative wavering notes. Again a heroically achieved passage of beauty. This time there was a cry of pain.

Eileen kneeled and looked through the keyhole. Naida had sunk in a chair by the table and was looking at her tortured fingers as a mother might conceivably look at her maimed child. She was not wearing her scarf, and the blotched but beautifully modelled face was for once contorted with suffering.

Eileen did not need to be told what was passing through Naida's mind. She, the imperious one, was contemplating herself, the beggar. Her one gift seared to save the life of the one who had taunted her with servitude. Revolting at dependence, Naida had tried to see if she could not recover at least part of her old power with the violin—and the test showed she could not.

Eileen had never seen the face of one on the verge of self-destruction. She felt now that but for Naida's spiritualistic fear of the terrible fate of those who destroy themselves, suicide would be her resolve at that moment. So vividly did Eileen feel this that when Naida suddenly rose, strode to the dresser and opened a drawer Eileen threw open the door and cried out:

"Naida!"

Naida wheeled. Her hand opened and something hard dropped to the board bottom of the drawer. Then Naida shut it and regarded Eileen with cold, blazing eyes.

"You might permit even a servant the privacy of her room!"

Eileen ran to the dresser, and opened the drawer. A small, pearl-handled revolver lay there partly out of its chamois covering.

"Naida—you—!"

Naida held out her hand for the weapon. But Eileen put it behind her back.

"You shall not have it!"

"It happens to be my private property."

"No. You mean to use it."

"As a matter of fact I had no such insane intention. But I owe you neither explanation nor defence. Please!"

"No," Eileen cried wildly.

"Eileen, understand this. You're undertaking to decide for me my own life or death. You have no such right. As for your childish brawling over this revolver—"

"Naida, you yourself have told me what happens to those who kill themselves."

Naida could not resist a shudder.

"If I want something badly enough I can pay the price. But I don't care to discuss it with you."

She went to the door and held it open.

Eileen would have gladly pleaded now. But in Naida's eyes was an unseeing stare. Unsteadily the girl walked out.

In her own room she looked at the ingeniously brutal thing she held in her hand. Suddenly a report sounded in Naida's room. Eileen cried out, before she realised it was only the slam of a trunk top. But at any moment, somewhere, the tragedy might take place, once Naida left the house.

Nor would prostration before her by Eileen change matters now. Naida was no child to let a single injury determine such a step as she seemed about to take. The resolve must have come from long brooding over her position and a growing conviction that life was intolerable. Eileen's pain-impelled taunt only crystallised what must have tormented Naida night and day.

As Eileen stood before her fire racked with the dilemma she heard Naida leave her room. Stealing to the door she saw her go down the stairs, dressed for the street, a light travelling bag in one hand. In the other was a violin case.

"Naida, dearest, don't go!" Eileen called.

Naida looked up, stood motionless for some moments, but not in indecision. Then abruptly she left the house.

Later Eileen rang for the butler, the man installed by Inspector Hawley.

"Do you know where Miss Sangree went?" she asked.

"No, Miss Goodrich. She did not even let me get her a cab."

"Thank you."

Again she was beaten. Her one poor little plan of confounding her unseen enemies by trusting no one had brought only havoc for her. Dr. Ramey, undoubtedly a friend was gone, alienated by what he felt was distrust of him. Naida too was gone, hurt to the very core of her inflexible being, now bent perhaps on killing herself. And the bars that imprisoned Hugo were impregnable as before.

For hours Eileen fought for escape out of her squirrel cage. The harder she fought the harder it whirled and the dizzier she became with effort. Daylight waned. The attending nurse made attempts to make Eileen lie down, but she would not.

Evening came. Eileen remained in the dark of her room before the fire, with only the memory of Hugo's presence there the day before.

A knock on the door roused her. It was the butler.

"A messenger has brought you this letter, Miss Goodrich."

Eileen leaned to the fire, and recognised Naida's handwriting.

"Where is he—the messenger?" she cried.

"He said there was no answer expected, so I let him go. But we know the agency that employs him, if you wish to trace anything."

Eileen tore open the envelope, caught the word "Good-bye!" in the letter, and sprang to her feet.

"Trace her—Miss Sangree!" she cried. "I must know where she is—at once. And get a car ready!"

The butler nodded.

"Very well, miss. But I think I can tell you something of her whereabouts. I had a suspicion this came from Miss Sangree. I heard you pleading with her not to leave, if you'll pardon me. I thought you would wish to know where she is. So I looked to see the number of the taxi she took. Then I 'phoned the taxi company, traced the driver, and found he had taken Miss Sangree to Philharmonic Hall, studio entrance, not the concert hall side, miss. I checked this up by phoning the messenger's office that brought this and was informed that the call for the boy came from the Philharmonic Hall."

"Oh, thank you! The car please."

Even before the butler left the room Eileen was deep in the letter:—

"Eileen,—I want you to know how little resentment I feel for you at this moment, when I am about to embark on a journey so mighty as mine. Furious as I felt at your stupid outlash at me, at your intrusion when I wanted to be alone, I now have only one wish—a profound one. To have one perfect quarter-hour with my violin and then go.


"Yet I cannot forbear a parting revenge. For while I no longer feel mere resentment I do still hate you—for whom I have gone through fire; and because of whom I am going now to hellfire. I want you to know the manner of my going, my dear Eileen. For I am going beautifully.

"You know how much I loved Max Bruch's 'Kol Nidre,' the Joachim arrangement? Well, I shall play it again, my dear, perfectly as before I dragged you out of your father's burning laboratory. I shall play it well, Eileen, for no one will ever put so much into the playing as I shall. I shall have the strength because I shall need no more strength after that—except for one instant.

"A girl, poor fool, who thinks she is rehearsing me, will accompany me on the piano. At the very last she will hear a note that was not in the score. And yet I wonder that no composer has ever used the poignant beauty of a revolver shot in a composition . . . .

"Did you think that your hand could stop me from anything to which I have been driven by life? How shallow youth is! How utterly unable to plumb the depths of loathing and despair!—Naida."

Eileen plunged into her clothes. Pressing the little grey toque on her head without a look into the mirror, she ran.

"Is the car ready?" she cried to the butler.

"Not quite, but——"

"I can't wait!" She ran out of the house, up to a loitering taxi.

"Philharmonic Hall—life and death!"

The driver stared; then impressed by the girl's drawn face as she got in he drove off rapidly.

Eileen's dash left her breathless. The swaying of the machine as it turned corners brought back the misery of that morning's torment. Harder and harder it gripped her skull.

When the taxi turned into the street where the Philharmonic Hall stood Eileen could see the glare of the entrance hall. As the taxi slowed up before it a great poster told her that Fritz Kreisler was playing there at that moment. The thought flashed across her mind that if Naida's studio was near enough to the concert stage a revolver shot might break into the midst of Kreisler's most exquisite passage. Even if the walls killed the dread sound, what a grisly jest to have two people playing perhaps the same selection—for there was Bruch's "Kol Nidre" on the poster programme—playing to such different endings. For one the thunder of applause; for the other the cry of a frightened accompanist and the stillness of death.

"No, no, don't stop here!" Eileen screamed to the chauffeur. "Round the corner to the studios!"

The car seemed reluctant. Eileen, unable to endure delay, leaped out, thrust money at the driver, and ran around the corner to the modestly lighted studio entrance.

A man, apparently belonging to the building, was lounging in the doorway.

"Miss Sangree's studio—where is it?" Eileen cried.

The man shifted to his feet.

"There isn't any such tenant here, miss."

"Yes, yes, under some other name perhaps. She came here this afternoon!"

"Oh, the lady with the veil——"

The man turned leisurely and pointed to a door at the far end of the ground floor corridor.

"Door marked 2, end of the hall."

As she ran down the corridor there came faintly the strains of violin playing.

It was Bruch's "Kol Nidre." A pianist accompanied the playing.

It was from Room 2 that the playing came—flawless, vibrant, beautiful, Eileen thought—a swan song. It mounted swiftly to its wailing rich climax, a piano's purling notes perfectly accompanying——

"To the gates of death!" The thought blazed through Eileen.

Another two bars and there must sound the alien note.

With fierce momentum Eileen tore open the door and plunged forward, sobbing, crying.

"Naida, no! Dearest, you shall not! Naida!"

Speech left her. A sort of vertigo swam before her eyes. Then it cleared and left her paralysed in every nerve. Unable to move, even to think, she realised the horrible, the unbelievable thing that had happened to her.

She had burst out on to the stage of the Kreisler concert, crying and sobbing in the climax of his playing. A regal figure of a man put down his violin and stared at her. An accompanist rose, whitefaced from the piano.

Beyond the two, tier upon tier, a vast audience was rising, in astonishment, protest, incipient panic.

### CHAPTER XVII.

#### THE BLACK CAR.

As Eileen stood rooted on the stage of the Philharmonic, some recognised the sensitive face that had looked from the columns of the newspapers since the Goodrich murder. Eileen heard her name called. Several frock-coated ushers hurried towards the stage.

It had taken only several seconds, although for all it had the timelessness of a nightmare. At the sight of the ushers coming Eileen whirled and dashed out of the door through which she had come.

She found herself in the empty corridor again flying. At the street door another frock-coated gentleman agitatedly met her.

"Reporters coming from in front," he said hurriedly. "We want as little publicity as you do, Miss Goodrich. This way, please!"

Reporters! And the relieving of her nightmare on the vaster stage of newspaper publicity! Eileen followed the frock-coated gentleman to the curb.

"But Naida! Miss Sangree! At this moment she may be dying!"

"I'll take you to her," the man snapped. "She's at the Colburn. "Come."

From around the corner hurried several men toward them. Eileen, her mind, whirling, her nerves reacting in fractions of seconds, caught the man's assurance at the mention of Naida.

He was holding open the door of a big black closed car. Without thinking she sprang into it. The door slammed close. The engine had been running and the car was off.

The machine was running smoothly, rapidly. Its speed a little calmed Eileen. Speed was what she craved—speed to take her from the fantastic horror behind her; to bring her to Naida perhaps in time.

Nor did she have to endure light. Spent and dizzy as she was the darkness in the car was mercy to her. True, against its black there began to appear the retinal memory of the Philharmonic stage. The face of the startled master musician glowered fiercely. Eyes, eyes by the thousands glared from the auditorium and bore down upon her.

But these retreated and faded before a concentrating sensation in her skull—the familiar but unbearable agony she had for the time forgotten. As though her little gray toque were a crushing casque of steel she tore it off, and with a half-stifled scream threw it to the floor.

Her head against the cushions and every nerve prostrate and trembling, Eileen sank into a state of partial unconsciousness. Just as an overdose of poison may foil its own deadliness, so the piling up of stress, shock and pain numbed her, and for the time fell short of its full effect.

A quick turn of the car dislodged her head from its cushion, and she clutched at the wall of the car to save herself. Her hand struck a metal bar that for an instant yielded. But her wrist was caught as in a handcuff fixed to the wall. Eileen vainly pulled and broke the flesh in her effort to free herself.

With an effort she calmed herself and rose to work with the other hand at the shackle. The lock gave no hint of opening. Eileen reached to the door to let in light. The knob turned, but the door remained shut. She groped for the shade to raise it and found that it was sheet iron and fixed.

There was no glass in the front wall of the car. Leaning forward Eileen drummed on it with her free fist. The solid panel between her and the driver might have been a stone wall, so little response it brought. She screamed. Her cry rang in her own ears as though there were no outlet for it.

Her foot encountered an iron bracket in the floor and her ankle caught as her hand already was. Sobbing, screaming, beating her hands against walls, Eileen was like a trapped wild bird.

Then she stopped screaming, something on the floor began to engross her. It was a vague bit of light, which as she looked took on a pattern. The light was somewhat like that of phosphorous, but more intense and somehow sinister. The pattern it took was vaguely familiar.

Eileen was now in a condition in which all sense of proportion, even of terror was lost. With her hand and foot caught, pinioned, in a car that was evidently a rolling prison, driven swiftly to some destination of which she knew nothing and of which she could fear the worst—with these terrors pressing in on her, she became engrossed in that light on the floor, much as a child seriously ill may forget for the moment its pain when distracted by some strange new toy.

She reached the glowing object with her free foot. Something soft and light in weight rolled away at the touch. At the same time she recognised the pattern of vague light. It was the outline of her great-grandmother's silver-crusted buckle, that was on the little grey toque.

Eileen puzzled over the matter. She knew that the buckle was glowing of its own light. Yet it was not phosphorous.

Then it came to her. She had often come into her father's laboratory when he was doing his researches in radium and radium solutions. Often he had turned out the light to show her the spectral glow radium gave off in the dark.

It was radium, therefore, or a solution of it that made the buckle glow. How did it come there? Of course it was not by accident. Someone must have treated that buckle with radium. For what purpose?

As though in answer there recurred the agony in her skull she had experienced from the first minute she had dressed for the street that morning. It began from the moment she put on her toque. While she wore it it seemed about to crush her brain. When she flung it off the pain eased.

It was the radium on her toque that caused the pain. Eileen knew how destructive to delicate tissue unobstructed nearness of radium was. Was it someone's deliberate design therefore to injure her? If so, why?

"To drive me mad!"

Through every nerve cell in her went a thrill of horror at the thought. Her teeth clicked. Her knees began to knock.

"It is beginning."

Then as though some stranger, strong, composed, unimpressed had walked into a room of panic, another thought answered the first.

"Then it's high time you took hold of yourself!"

Little by little the newcomer dealt with Eileen's chattering, shuddering nerves. A sort of cool courage born of desperation took charge of the mob of fears and marshalled them into something like control.

With the cooler mind Eileen began to study her situation. She noticed the machine lurched more than before. The road was too uneven for city pavements

Cautiously she explored the car with her free hand and foot. She found other shackles fixed in the floor and walls. Evidently the car was used for the transportation of prisoners or the insane.

New panic threatened as she realised that the latter alternative was the more probable. But it was only for a moment. It was not only for herself that she needed self-possession. Hugo Garra in prison had no one to work for his liberation as she would. It was a strengthening thought. She could be brave for the sake of someone dear to her if not for herself.

She leaned back and relaxed somewhat, to save up every bit of strength and presence of mind for the new trials due now any moment.

The pace of the car grew perceptibly slower, though the lurching more violent, as though it were proceeding cautiously along an unfrequented country road. The engine of the car was a superior affair, silent as a shadow. It enabled Eileen to hear the distant baying of a dog—the soft crunch of the heavy wheels in the clay of the road—the hum of wind among telegraph wires.

Suddenly a salvo of shots rang out, heavy footsteps sounded running towards the machine. For a moment the car lunged forward, as though to escape the runner. But the footsteps intercepted the car. Then for the first time Eileen heard the sharp voice of the driver.

"Stop, or I shoot!"

The machine was abreast of the runner. A heavy voice, a negro's, came in answer.

"All right, boss. Ah'll stop!"

"Come forward with hands up," the driver commanded.

The footsteps passed Eileen's window and halted by the driver.

"Didn't mean no harm," the negro protested. "Ah'm jes' a poor no-account nigger snoopin' round in dis yer furrin land fer a bite o' food. Fust thing I know some one opens up a machine gun on me boss. Then Ah pelts fo' de road and bean Ah'm Ain't got a thing on me but a bandana. See, Ah'll show yer——"

"Drop it!"

Something hard struck the road. There was a brief silence as the driver got down from his machine. Eileen heard metal click in the door lock. It was opened from outside and two figures, one that of a giant, were dimly outlined against a night sky. The shorter, in chauffeur's garb, thrust the big man violently through the open door.

(To be continued.)

# JIMMY WILDE, THE STANDARD.

## AMERICAN BOXERS COPYING HIS METHODS.

Bartholdi's statue of Liberty has often looked down on the disappointed British boxer making his way back home after a very brief stay in the States. Possibly the return has been expedited by climatic conditions, the food, or failure to make good in the opening bout. Several instances can be quoted of good-class men who have left these shores on the high-tide of success only to see them come back like flotsam from the American ring. On the other hand, a fair percentage of our men have struck it fine with Uncle Sam, and one of the latest to bring the glad news is Johnny Sheppard, the Bow light-weight, who recently returned to England after an absence of three years. On Thursday night I had a chat with Johnny at the Ring, and never once did the sob story stuff enter the conversation.

Johnny speaks well of the way they conduct ring matters across the Pond, and points out that the American fighters are gradually altering their style. To put it in a nutshell, the Yanks are copying Jimmy Wilde's method of attack and are now quite adept at sending a glove from knee-high direct to an opponent's chin. In fact, Johnny is cultivating this style himself and will demonstrate it before a London crowd in a few weeks' time under the management of Dan Sullivan.

### Tommy Noble Favourite.

Of the Britishers at present in the States, Sheppard says that Tommy Noble is a big favourite with the "fans" and that Bermondsey Billy Wells is so beloved of the gods that he cannot even work a quarrel with Mickey Walker, welter-weight champion of the world. Still, both Noble and Wells are in capable managerial hands and if there are any honours to be won our men will get a chance.

The scientific light tapper is never welcome over there, but the "fans" will part with real money to watch a man with a punch. Also, the human windmill is ever entertained, providing that he is in action all the time. Yes, it must be action and it doesn't matter whether the hit is to the ceiling or the floor. Sheppard himself has fought 37 battles in American rings, mainly pitched in Ohio, and has been served up with such "easy" ones as Benny Leonard, Lew Tendler, and the rest.

Apart from Jack Dempsey and Leonard, the big draw in New York, says Sheppard, is Pancho Villa, the Filipino fly-weight. The little chap's fiery fighting has taken New York by storm and there is also a long queue waiting when Harry Greb, the cruiser champion, is on show. I can quite believe Sheppard when he says that Greb is the goods for a promoting man. On Monday last at Pittsburg Harry is credited with taking part in the greatest free-for-all fight ever seen in a ring. Recorded that Harry was up against Bob Roper and all went well until there came yells of "Fake!" After that Harry and Bob went at each other like wild-cats and did everything but bite and kick. The men went on fighting after the final gong and after the police had torn the men apart the referee declared that Greb was the winner on points!

Experience told in the contest between Seaman Nobby Hall and Johnny Brown at the Industrial Hall, Edinburgh, on Tuesday night. Hall won a good decision on points and it will take a much better man than Brown to remove the Seaman from the British and European light-weight throne. In the early rounds Brown did most of the attacking, but failed to score with the majority of his aims. Hall's defence was all too good for the challenger, who was made to look quite raw at some stages of the bout. At half-distance Hall held the lead and by clever footwork and slipping he made Brown miss time and again. During the last five rounds Brown was fighting a losing battle, but he managed to last all the way in this, his first contest over the championship course. As a boxer Brown does fairly well until he starts off at express speed, then he loses all sense of direction and is an easy mark for so clever a defensive boxer as Hall. The winner will find plenty of men to challenge his position, and two in the forefront are Harry Mason, of Leeds, and Johnny Sheppard, of Bow.

Hall is no wonder as a light-weight, but nevertheless he has proved himself the best of our present-day bunch. In fact, we have not had a good light-weight champion since the reigns of Freddy Welsh and Matt Wells, but another story would have to be told had not Jerry Delaney made the great sacrifice in the early days of the war. Delaney was unbeaten as a light-weight and it was his ambition to meet Freddy Welsh for the Lonsdale belt. However, the powers that be ignored Jerry's application, so Jerry went to France and Freddy went to the U.S.A., where he rose to the rank of captain in a force operating round about the battleground of New York.

### Dreary Bouts.

Half-way through the second round of his contest with Albert Rogers, Mitcham, at the Ring on Monday, Johnny Bee, the Birkenhead middle-weight, broke away from a dreary waltz to rest his chin on Albert's right fist. Having done this much Johnny then took a rest on the floor and became so interested in the ventilated roof that he quite forgot all about the count. Anyway, Johnny was at full stretch when the "out" was declared, but I think he was clear-headed enough to tell you the time of the next train to Birkenhead. Kid Lewis watched the waltz from ringside—but, of course, he mustn't have Albert just yet.—There was another uninteresting twoliner at the Ring on Thursday night. This was furnished by Mike Honeyman, ex-feather-weight champion, and Joe Conn. From the start the exchanges were very tame and at the end of the fourth round the referee had something to say relative to the looking-glass aspect of the slam. Things livened up in the fifth, and in the next round Honeyman was all but knocked out by a left and right to the chin. Conn failed to follow up his advantage and consequently Mike was enabled to pull round and he did this to such purpose that he half Conn outpaced in rounds nine and ten. But it wasn't a good pace although it deserved better than the cries of "Turn 'em out!" and the pitching of coppers into the ring at the close of the bout. The points verdict went to Honeyman.

COUNT OUT.

# TOO MUCH BREAD AND MARGARINE.

## ERRORS IN THE BREAKFAST MENU.

The menu of the average British breakfast table was severely criticised by Prof. Winifred Cullis in a lecture at the Scientific Novelties Exhibition in London.

She emphasised the "grave danger" of the nation suffering from diminished activity.

Too many people, she said, lived far too much on bread and margarine, and frozen meat was to be found in too many homes. The average breakfast, unless one took a tomato, or, better still, an egg, with one's bacon, was deficient in vitamines, for the cooking of jam and marmalade destroyed the vitamines of the fruit.

While repudiating the idea that the proper food of man was man, she added that experiments on animals showed that we could do with less protein if we fed on human flesh than on any other flesh known.

# NOT WORTH LIVING AT 16.

## YOUTHFUL LOVERS WHO HAD DECIDED TO DIE.

Letters which disclosed the fact that they had decided to die together were read at the inquest on William Stanley and Doris Leaver, who were found gassed at the house in Chichester-rd., Croydon, where the girl was employed.

One of the letters, signed by both boy and girl, was read as follows: "It is our wish that we should be buried in the same grave as one another."

The girl, was was 16, wrote to her sister:—"I have come to the conclusion that my life is not really worth living, so this is the end. If they want to know how Billy got into the house, I let him in when the others were in bed."

Eliza Emery, a cook at the house, said when at breakfast the girl exclaimed, "I will go and hang myself." She began to cry, but gave no explanation of her remark. She had said Stanley had put his hand on her neck and said, "I will strangle you," and on another occasion, after a quarrel, he threatened to kill her.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind.

# WEDDING EVE ARREST.

## "A BIT OF A FOOL" AND HIS BRIDE.

Arrested on the eve of his wedding, Arthur Baldwin, a filler, of Hunslet, was charged at Leeds with stealing £21 19s. 10d., as bailee, from Messrs. Henry Briggs and Sons.

It was alleged that when the wage packets were made up at the colliery time-office Baldwin applied at the office for packet No. 156. This was given to him, and some time later another of the men concerned asked for the same packet.

Supt. Wood described the man as "a bit of a fool." With the money he had bought a wedding costume, a bottle of port wine, a wedding ring, a piece of ham, and various other things, as he was to have been married last Tuesday. The bride postponed the wedding to see how the case went.

The bride was called forward and was asked by the chairman of the Bench, "If we send him to prison will you marry him?"

"Yes," was her reply.

"And if we don't send him to prison? I shall marry him.

Defendant was bound over in £5 for six months. "All we have to do now," added the chairman, "is to wish you both much happiness in your married life." It was stated that all the money would be recovered, and that the men had been paid.

# FEVER PATIENT FOUND.

## MISSING MAN IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

George Newton, who arrived at Battersea with a theatrical company, and disappeared while waiting to be removed to hospital as a scarlet fever patient, has been found near Normanton, Yorkshire.

On arrival at his parents' home at Altofts, near Normanton, he went to bed. The police, on learning that he was there, informed the Medical Officer of Health, who had him removed to the isolation hospital at Normanton. He is not in a serious condition. Newton's parents are to be kept under observation.

When Newton complained of feeling ill in London he was found to be suffering from scarlet fever, and sent back to his lodgings in Khyber-rd., S.W., pending his removal to a Clapham fever hospital.

Instead of returning to Khyber-rd. he went to the music-hall where his company was performing. After leaving the music-hall nothing was heard of Newton until he was found at Altofts. A warrant had been issued for his arrest.

# THREE DON'TS IN A WILL.

## EX-LORD MAYOR AND HIS SONS.

The will of Alderman Louis S. Cohen, ex-Lord Mayor of Liverpool, who left a great fortune, contains injunctions against mixed marriages, participation in political strife, and Stock Exchange speculations.

"I advise and beseech my sons not to engage in speculation on the Stock Exchange, or otherwise. Money made by speculation is sure to be lost, and leads to further loss and disaster," states the will.

The testator also expresses the wish that no son of his while engaged in business shall become a candidate for or a member of Parliament, or any municipal or district council or any local authority.

In a further paragraph the testator says that he has a strong conviction that inter-marriages between persons of different religious beliefs tend to great unhappiness, and that it is his earnest wish that no grandchild or remoter descendant will marry any person who is not a subject of the British Empire or of the United States of America.

# SOCIETY AND STAGE IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

## RUSSELL BABY CASE.

## MISS MADGE COMPTON AND MR. GEORGE GRAVES.

Society and stage people whose names are household words figure in a lengthy list which will be dealt with when the Divorce Courts resume their sittings on Thursday next.

The facilities now afforded country litigants of having their cases tried at their own doors, so to speak, has resulted in a considerable falling off in the number of cases, but there still remain quite a considerable number, states "The People" Divorce Court representative.

Many of them are "poor persons" whose appeals under the new Act of Parliament to the legal profession to work for practically next to nothing has met with very little success.

A number of the leading legal firms conduct a few of these cases, but the response to the appeal of the late Lord Chancellor, Lord Birkenhead, to the rank and file, has not met with any great result.

There are over 830 cases down for hearing. Of these 676 are undefended and 141 are defended. Fourteen will be heard before a common jury and three before a special jury.

### THE RUSSELL CASE.

Viscount Torrington is co-respondent to the divorce petition of Ferrans v. Ferrans and Torrington, which is in the defended list. The allegations of misconduct are denied.

It is not many months ago since Lady Torrington, Society woman and racehorse owner, divorced the Viscount.

The Russell baby case is fixed for hearing on Feb. 27 with a special jury. When the petitioner, the Hon. John Hugo Russell, a son of Lord Ampthill, last brought his suit for a divorce before the Court, the jury found there had been no misconduct by the wife with the two boy co-respondents, but disagreed on the charge of misconduct with a man unknown.

Both the original co-respondents were dismissed. A new co-respondent is now cited.

Miss Madge Compton, the actress, and wife of the comedian George Graves, is petitioning for the dissolution of her marriage, which was celebrated at the Liverpool Registry Office in September, 1918.

# SEVEN WORDS IN LAST NOTE.

## JEALOUSY THE CAUSE OF DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

There were but seven words in the last note written by Alfred James Hardiman (35), one of the victims of the double tragedy at Hornsey Rise.

In his hip pocket was found an envelope on which was written—"Mary Street, the cause of it all."

Mary Ellen Street, whom a coroner's jury found was murdered by Hardiman before he committed suicide, had been keeping company with the man, but the girl's father said she was not engaged.

Hardiman's widowed mother said that her son, who was a decorator, had always lived with her. During the last three weeks he had suffered from headaches. He had kept company with Miss Street for three years.

"He loved her," said witness, "with a pure and moral love." They were not engaged. Someone had said to Miss Street that he was too old.

Miss Street, who was a native of Acres Ford, near Ashby de la Zouch, had taken up with another man, and witness's son did not like it.

Miss Bessie Hardiman, sister of the dead man, said that Miss Street shared a room with her. Last Saturday morning Miss Street, witness, and her brother were together in the kitchen and scullery. Suddenly witness heard a thud. Turning round she saw her brother standing over the gas stove with his hand in his mouth, choking. She called out, and went for her brother George. When she came back Alfred and Miss Street were lying dead on the floor. There had been no quarrel.

# DICKENS READ IN COURT.

## "MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT" QUOTED BY WOMAN DOCTOR.

Dr. Marjorie Harcourt read a long passage from "Martin Chuzzlewit" to Mr. Justice Bray in Bloomsbury County Court.

After some opening remarks, dealing with an application she made, Dr. Harcourt said, "I will now read a passage from 'Martin Chuzzlewit' to you."

"You will not," declared Judge Bray, emphatically.

"Why not?" asked Dr. Harcourt.

"Because it is absolutely irrelevant," retorted the judge.

Dr. Harcourt: I am going to read it.

Judge Bray: I don't want to listen to a speech by Martin Chuzzlewit.

Finally, after Dr. Harcourt had assured him that the language was "more expressive than she could lay claim to," the judge yielded, and had to listen to a long passage.

# MUSIC AT INQUEST.

## CORONER ON USE OF SCHOOLS AS COURTS.

While the Hastings coroner was summing up the evidence given at an inquest, someone in an adjoining hall started to play a piano.

The coroner broke off his remarks, and addressing a relative of the deceased, said: "It gives me the greatest regret to have to make my remarks accompanied to music. I do not know who are the wiseacres who made the arrangements for inquests to be held in schools. This is a most unsuitable place, and you are subjected to what must be a very trying ordeal of having what is said accompanied by music. I was not consulted, otherwise this inquiry would not be held here."

The inquest was on Samuel Harry Lindridge, of Penshurst, Kent, whose body was found on the foreshore at Glynde Gap. A verdict of suicide during temporary insanity was recorded.

# FINANCE FOR THE PEOPLE.

*(By Our City Representative.)*

The stock markets made a good start to the New Year, and although towards the end of the week some hesitation became apparent owing to the course of events resulting in the breakdown of the Paris Conference, no very marked weakness was shown, and in various directions business was characterised by considerable activity.

### NEW HOME RAILWAYS.

The chief event of the week was the practical reconstruction of the Home Railway market consequent on the coming into effect of grouping, which involved the merging of all the principal companies into four big systems. At the outset the prices quoted for the new stocks were nominal, since when a process of adjustment has been in progress, resulting in much speculative activity, particularly in the junior stocks. The effect has been a general improvement from the opening prices, North-Eastern Deferred in particular displaying marked strength. In view of the uncertainty existing as to how the companies will fare under the new conditions, there is every likelihood that this market will be a centre of speculative activity for a considerable time to come.

Early strength in gilt-edged securities was followed by some re-action on political developments, while in the Foreign market French loans fell away sharply, being also adversely affected by the political situation. Argentine Rails have met with a fair measure of support, and the outlook of these descriptions is still regarded optimistically.

### INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY.

Numerous good features have been in evidence in the Industrial market. Textiles generally have been in favour, while Courtaulds have been extremely active, and have reached new high records on talk of a bonus arising out of the company's American interest. At the close, however, the price relapsed sharply as the result of profit taking. Electrical Engineering shares have been steadily bought in anticipation of the results likely to accrue from railway electrification and expansion under the new regime. There has been a distinct revival in Nitrate shares in consequence of the brighter outlook of the industry, and Chemical descriptions have also continued to receive good support.

### SOME MINING FEATURES.

Unsettled conditions have continued in the Oil share market. Anglo-Persians have risen appreciably on the bonus involved in the coming new issue at 3¾ per share, but Mexican Eagles have been depressed by incursion of salt water into the new well recently brought in. Among lower-priced shares British Controlled fell away on the wretched position disclosed in the report. Rubber shares have maintained a firm appearance. In the Mining markets South Africans, as a whole, have been without much interest, but Cam and Motors have again been active and buoyant, and a strong upward movement has occurred in Rezendes. Elsewhere Esperanzas enjoyed a sharp spurt, and silver shares generally were favourably affected by the recovery in the metal.

### COMING NEW ISSUES.

A number of prospectuses are in course of preparation, and before the year is far advanced investors will be afforded the opportunity of subscribing fresh capital for a variety of enterprises. Already underwriting arrangements have been completed for the issue of 850,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in the Anglo-Persian Oilfields, and these are to be offered at 3¾ per share towards the end of this week, existing shareholders, together with those in the Burmah Oil Co., being entitled to preferential allotment. An important pending industrial emission is that of £1,000,000 by the Dunlop America Co., while almost immediately the Buenos Aires Central Railway Co. will offer for sale £300,000 4½ per cent. First Mortgage debentures at 73½ per cent., and £600,000 5 per cent. Second Mortgage debentures at 74½ per cent., the proceeds being required to pay off £750,000 6 per cent. Three Year Collateral Notes due on Feb. 10 next. A Harwich-Zeebrugge train ferry company is to appear soon, and Sudan will offer a line of something short of £1,500,000 in 4½ per cents. which will bear the guarantee of the English Government, and will be a trustee security.

### BANKING PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS.

Like everybody else the banks suffered from the bad trade conditions during the past year, and their profits are lower. But thanks to many years of exceedingly careful administration they are in a very sound position, and in no case yet has the dividend declared in respect of 1922 been smaller than that for the preceding 12 months. Barclays was first in the field among the "Big Five," and although its profits are down £527,800 at £1,873,700, the distribution on the shares is kept at 14 per cent., savings being effected in other directions.

Williams Deacon's discloses a reduction of £28,100 to £337,200 in net profits, but the "B" shares get the same dividend at 12½ per cent., and the "A" shares have their payment increased from that amount to 13½ per cent.

The Manchester and Liverpool District Bank announces net profits £76,400 lower at £485,200. The reserve fund is left as at the end of the previous year, but the shareholders again get 18 1-3 per cent.

### APEX (TRINIDAD) PROGRESS.

So much of a disappointing character has recently transpired in connection with the Oil share market, that it is quite refreshing to be able to record the progress made by the Apex (Trinidad) Oilfields during the year to Sept. 30 last, the report for which has just made its appearance. As compared with the previous year, earnings have advanced from £72,970 to £131,366, and after making provision for depreciation, etc., the net profit comes out at £100,292, against £35,951. With the amount brought in there is an available balance of £135,215, enabling the company to pay a maiden dividend of 10 per cent. and to increase its carry forward from £34,935 to £73,215. In the course of the year 67 acres of oil rights and certain surface rights were acquired, while eight new wells were drilled and brought into production with satisfactory results. Larger profits could have been earned, but restriction of production became necessary owing to the inability of the refining company to handle it. It is anticipated, however, that the latter concern will shortly be in a position to accept bigger deliveries.

### VESTAS.

Amid the recent activity in the English Railway market little attention has been paid to the stocks of the Railway Investment Co. This undertaking was formed many years ago to run a scheme under which holders of certain railway stocks could surrender them to it and have the company's own stocks issued in exchange, part carrying the title to a fixed return and part to a fluctuating return according to the total dividend paid by the railway undertakings. Now that the grouping plans have been practically completed, and the four groups are in working order, many economies will be possible, and the outlook for the stocks with which the Railway Investment Co. are concerned is good. A useful method of acquiring an interest in them is to buy in the market the issues of the Railway Investment Co. just named. The 4 per cent. preference can be purchased in the market at 66, and yield over 6 per cent., while the Deferred, at 20, affords a running income of 7½ per cent. (it received 1½ per cent. for 1921) without allowing anything for its future speculative attractions.

### SHORT DATED INVESTMENTS.

Holders of high-interest yielding short-dated investments issued when a heavier price had to be paid for financial accommodation than at present, would be well advised to look carefully into the terms of redemption. Naturally enough, authorities and companies, when offering them, carefully reserved to themselves, in many cases, the right to repay at an early date should they so decide, and thus obtain the benefit of the turn in investment conditions. The change has come, and in several instances notice to redeem has been given. The point for the investor holding such loans or stocks to watch is the present market price in relation to that at which repayment can take place. The latest example of the movement is furnished by the North Metropolitan Electric Co., which issued some 7½ per cent. Debentures at 95 in July, 1921. It kept the right to redeem when it pleased, and, naturally, as a matter of business, has decided to do so in July next. The holder will get par for his Debentures in the company, whereas just prior to the announcement of the decision the price in the market was 104½. This is not an isolated illustration of the movement to get the benefit of the fall in interest rates, and therefore holders of all issues that can be repaid at the option of the issuer, if they stand in the market at higher prices than those at which they are redeemable possibly within the next few years, should consider the advisability of selling now and reinvesting the proceeds to the greatest advantage elsewhere.

### BREVITIES.

Fore Street Warehouse.—Dividend and bonus for 1922 10 per cent., against 5 per cent. of the previous year.

Gaiety Theatre.—Report to June 30 shows a net loss of £4,096, compared with a loss of £28,921 for 1920-21.

Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical.—Sir Vincent L. Raven, K.B.E., M.I.C.E., M.I.M.E., late chief mechanical engineer of the North-Eastern Railway Company, has joined the board.

Bernhard Scholle and Co., Ltd.—Incorporated as a private company, with capital £600,000 fully paid, to transact the business of bankers at Crawford Court, Throgmorton-st., E.C.2, and 15, Boulevard des Italiens, Paris.

Agricultural and General Engineers.—Board has decided to defer consideration of payment of dividends on first and second Cumulative Preference shares until accounts for financial year ending March 31 next completed, and result of year's trading definitely ascertained.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. A. (Chiswick).—The shares named were a recommendation of the "City Mark," whose financial contributions ceased over three months ago. C. B.—We know of no particular reason for the decline in the price, but consider the notes a sound investment if subscribing which you need feel no anxiety. MOLAR.—You might put the money into Italian Government 3½ per cent. stock, the yield on which is nearly 5½ per cent. The time is a sound opinion, and the stock is quoted at 81. THANKFORTIAN.—We think there is a chance of the company doing well again later on, and would hold the shares in hope of ultimate recovery.

# AFTER FORTY YEARS.

## MAN'S EYESIGHT RESTORED.

An extraordinary surgical incident is reported from Belfast, where a specialist removed a piece of glass the size of a threepenny-piece from the eye of John Flannigan, which 40 years ago was injured through a bottle bursting.

Flannigan had since been blind, and latterly felt such pain that he consulted a doctor. The sight of the eye has now been restored.



# WOMAN BARRISTER.

## HOUR'S SPEECH IN A RATING APPEAL.

One of the new women barristers, Miss E. M. Wheeler, appeared at Huntingdon Quarter Sessions and made a speech of more than an hour's duration in arguing a technical rating appeal.

She was briefed in a test case brought by her father, Mr. G. G. Wheeler, a solicitor, St. Ives, against the Ouse Drainage Board. It raised the question of the legality of a rate.

After a lengthy hearing the appeal was dismissed with costs.

# FELL FROM AN EXPRESS.

## WHAT IT FELT LIKE AT FIFTY AN HOUR.

As an express from Fenchurch-st. to Southend was passing through Barking, Mr. Percy Kindell (38), of Leigh-rd., Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, fell out of a carriage window.

The train was travelling at nearly 50 miles an hour, but Mr. Kindell escaped with a scalp wound.

The train was pulled up within about half a mile, and a guard with two passengers went back along the line, but failed to find him. The train went on to Dagenham, where the incident was reported. Search parties were sent out, and blood was found on the track, but a long hunt followed before Mr. Kindell was traced.

It was found that Mr. Kindell had been assisted to hospital by a man named Billinghurst.

Mr. Kindell welcomed with a smile from the pillow a representative of "The People" when, calling at Poplar Hospital, the latter asked him what it felt like to fall out of a train at 50 miles an hour.

"The thing happened when I was asleep," he replied. "The carriage was packed, and I was very tired, standing up leaning again the door of the carriage window being down when I must have dozed off. We were crossing Barking points at high speed, apparently the train gave a jolt, and I shot through the window.

"I am told that the occupants of a carriage yelled, and apparently a man living near where I fell heard the shouts, but of this I knew nothing at the time.

"After a period that seemed long, but was probably only a minute or two I recovered consciousness and sat up wondering where I was. I felt my hand to my head and was puzzled to see blood, and was just trying to piece the business together when the good Samaritan, who had heard the shouts, came running to my aid.

"He helped me to my feet, and across a fence or two to his house, where he asked his wife to tie up my head for me. It proved, however, a big job for amateurs, and my wife sent for the ambulance, though I protested that I wanted to get home.

"No! I certainly don't think I bounced when I fell! I remember being completely indifferent to danger, though I knew other trains might be passing. As a matter of fact, they held them up for a quarter of an hour till they found my bloodstains and no trace of me!

"I had a bad night after I dressed my head under chloroform, and I now feel pains in the head and back, but I am getting on well and want to get home."

# INSANE SCOURGE.

## RUTHLESS STERILISATION ADVOCATED.

"Ruthless sterilisation of the mentally defective so that they might not be able to hand on their defects" was advocated by Prof. E. W. McBride at the Conference of Educational Associations.

There were mentally defective people, he said, who never grew further in the degrees of intelligence attained by normal children from the age of one year to 13 years.

They must either be plunged into poverty and destitution or cared for in institutions at the expense of more competent members of the community.

### GRANDFATHER FOR TRIAL.

Charles Cousins Hare, aged 71, formerly relieving officer for the Tenterden Union, was at Sheerness committed for trial at Kent Assizes, charged with murdering his grandchild, Albert Scott, aged 13 months.

It was stated that accused had suicidal delusions, but had never threatened anybody.

### FIREMAN SAVES A DOG.

A dog missing from its home for several days was seen in a very precarious position halfway down the White Cliffs at Folkestone. The animal was rescued by Officer Woodgate, Folkestone Fire Brigade who, at considerable personal risk, was lowered by a rope over the face of the cliff.



# THEFTS FROM A MUSEUM.

## PISTOL AND DAGGER FROM WALLACE COLLECTION.

Two exhibits a German flint-lock pistol, dated about 1740-70, and a German left-hand dagger of about 1610—have been stolen from the Wallace Collection, Hertford House, Manchester-sq., W.

The pistol has a stock of walnut wood with scroll carving. The blade of the dagger is 10½in. long, of diamond-shaped section, and the scabbard is of wood covered with velvet.

The missing weapons were in different corners of No. 5 gallery in the armoury. They were wired securely to screws in the wall.

The attendant's view of both corners is obscured by the high cases of armour in the middle of the room, and it was not until the evening tour of inspection that the loss was discovered.

The stolen arms are of historic rather than of intrinsic worth, and even to a collector would not make a strong appeal without their companion weapons.

### COLLECTION WORTH £7,000,000.

The Wallace Collection of paintings, old armour, china, and objets d'art is probably the most valuable individual gift ever made to the nation. When on the death of Lady Wallace it was bequeathed to the public (and handed over in 1900) it was roughly valued at £5,000,000. It is now thought to be worth £7,000,000.

The third Marquis of Hertford (Thackeray's "Marquis of Steyne"), a great connoisseur, began the collection and bequeathed it to his son, the fourth Marquis, who resided largely in Paris and, with his nephew, Sir Richard Wallace, added largely to it. It survived the siege of Paris, and was brought to Hertford House, and ultimately left to Sir Richard. Among its 750 canvases are some of the finest in Europe by Rembrandt, Reynolds, Meissonier, Greuze, Hobbema, and names too numerous to mention. The collection of armour surpasses that at Chantilly.

Mr. John McCall, the Director of the Collection, told a representative of "The People" that he thought the thief might be a collector, or the affair might have been the outcome of a wager. If, however, any attempt were made to smuggle the missing articles abroad they would probably get hung up in the meshes of the Customs net.

# WOMEN TEACHERS.

## BISHOP THINKS MARRIED ONES MORE EFFICIENT.

Do married women make better teachers than single ones?

This question was raised at the conference of the National Union of Women Teachers at Cardiff, by the Bishop of Landaff, who said that he thought married women were more efficient teachers than unmarried women. "Married women have been an enormous help to the profession," he added.

Mr. W. J. Pincombe, secretary of the London Teachers' Association, which includes both men and women, stated in an interview that the teaching profession was unanimous in condemning the proposal that married women be asked to resign.

"Our association has had two large meetings on the question," he said, "and at each of them a resolution was carried affirming the principle that women teachers should be allowed to continue their work after marriage.

"It would not have been possible to carry on the educational system of this country if the services of married women had not been available in village schools, which were often run by a married couple, both teachers.

"I think there is nothing to choose between the married and the unmarried woman from the point of view of instruction; but I prefer the married woman for discipline and for the care of boards which she is always given."

# ARBUCKLE FILMS.

## COMMITTEE'S ADVICE AGAINST SCREENING.

The Committee on Public Relations, which was selected by Mr. Will Hays, the head of the moving picture industry, from the leading religious and civic organisations, in order to aid him in elevating the industry, has passed a resolution urging Mr. Hays to advise producers against permitting the showing of films in which Roscoe Arbuckle appears.

The committee (says Reuters) is of opinion that Arbuckle should be given a chance to make good in some other branch of industry, but not upon the screen.

Mr. Hays has announced that he will hold the resolution to the producers, but did not state whether or not he had the approval.

### In the High Court of Justice.
### PROBATE, DIVORCE AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION (DIVORCE).

To WILLIAM BYRNE (now of Australia), but whose present address is unknown.

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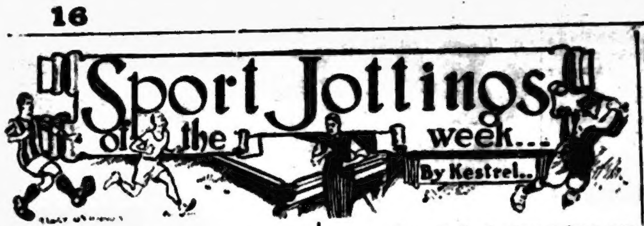

# Sport Jottings of the week...

There have not been many Test matches in which the fortunes of the game have fluctuated so greatly as that just finished at Capetown, which was won by F. T. Mann and his merry men by one wicket, to the great delight of followers of the game in this country, who were beginning to wonder if we should ever be on the winning side again.

Nerves evidently played a great part in the final stages of the game, missed catches by the South Africans being the deciding factor, for though Mann, Jupp, and Kennedy showed pluck in their batting, they were all favoured by fortune, the chances they offered not being accepted. All's well that ends well, however, and our victory will not only silence many of our "Dismal Johnnies" here for a time, but will greatly increase the interest everywhere in the remaining Test matches, the next of which starts on Jan. 18.

This is not the first time England has won a Test match by one wicket, as we gained victories by the same narrow margin over Australia at the Oval in 1902 in the match in which Gilbert Jessop hit up his historic century on a rain-damaged pitch, and at Melbourne in 1907-8. England too won a memorable match at Sydney in 1894-5 by 10 runs, after following on against Australia's total of 586. Sun after rain made the pitch treacherous when Australia went in for their second innings, to get 177 to win, and Briggs and Peel did the rest.

Australia's narrow victories over England are as follows: By 7 runs at the Oval, in 1882, by 6 runs at Sydney in 1884-5, and by 3 runs at Manchester, in 1902, in the match in which the late Tom Richardson, on a perfect wicket, did one of the finest bowling performances of his career. Australia, too, won the first Test match between the two countries, at Melbourne, in 1877, by 45 runs only.

South Africa won a Test match at Johannesburg, in 1906, against P. F. Warner's side, by one wicket, thanks largely to a last wicket stand by A. D. Nourse and P. W. Sherwell, then wicketkeeper, while three years later England won on the same ground by three wickets.

These are the only other close finishes in Tests, I believe, in which the South Africans have taken part, but their sides touring in this country have twice participated in games ending in a tie—against Worcestershire in 1901 and against Middlesex in 1904.

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The New Year's programme of League matches, a fairly long one, was confined to matches in Scotland and the North of England in the South but little notice is taken of the season, from a football point of view.

The great game, of course, was the Glasgow "Derby" between the Rangers and the Celtic, an annual match the like of which is not to be found in England. Here we have no two local clubs who have fought so many close battles for the league championship, though at one time Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion, whose grounds are but a very few miles apart, were often "after the Cup" in the same years, meeting in the final three times.

The Albion, however, though they won the championship in 1919-20, have not a great record in the League, and were never able to trouble the Villa in any of the six years the latter carried off the honours.

The Rangers won this year's match at Glasgow by 2 goals to 0, and it is a striking proof of the interest taken in the encounter that 50,000 people braved the foggy, frosty weather to watch it. If the weather had been propitious, the "gate" at Ibrox Park would probably have been nearer 100,000 than 50,000.

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Little could be seen of the play, I understand, owing to the fog, which was very thick except during that portion of the second half during which Hansen and Archibald scored for the Rangers, but enough could be gathered to show that the match was the usual "dog-fight," scientific football giving way, for the nonce, to play of the most vigorous nature, a state of affairs that almost invariably prevails when local teams are in opposition and the partisan spirit reaches its height both in players and the spectators.

Some question has been raised as to whether the match will stand as an official league match, so bad was the fog. There were too many people inside the ground for it to be safe to declare it off. The referee, however, declares that he had a good view of the game, and this means, in all probability, that no replay will be ordered.

The Rangers' victory, followed by their success the next day, gives them a clear lead over all the other clubs in the table, and they are now six points better off than the Celtic relatively. The latter are still their most dangerous rivals for the honours, however, as Dundee and the other teams near them owe their positions more to the fact that they have played more games and thus their positions are a bit false, though points in hand very often prove better than those "in the bush." In the matches between the Rangers and the Celtic at Ibrox Park, the former have now 11 wins to their credit against the Celtic's 10, 12 having been drawn.

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There is no doubt that the chief feature of the League New Year's games in England was the extraordinary form shown by the Arsenal, who followed up their 3—0 victory over Blackburn Rovers on Saturday by winning the return match by 5—0, Turnbull helping himself to 4 goals. It is only fair to the losers to state that four of the Arsenal's goals were scored after Davis, the Blackburn goalkeeper, had been carried off the field, injured in a collision with Turnbull. But even that mishap does not explain away the Rovers' first home defeat this season.

The success of Turnbull, a Glaswegian, at centre forward, a position he has assumed after starting as a full back, is remarkable, as I pointed out last week, but it may be due to the fact that backs are, as a rule, much more accurate in their kicking than forwards. How often does one see a full back called upon to take the penalty kicks. Given the necessary pace and judgment to act as pivot, therefore, they are more likely to seize the opportunities of scoring than the present-day centres, most of whom are not certain to find the net even when they are given a "sitter." Perhaps some other clubs will take a hint from the Arsenal's experiment. They might do worse.

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When the Scottish Cup-ties are over it is likely that several more players from North of the Tweed will be found in the ranks of English League teams. Preston will probably sign on William Gibson, Ayr United's clever left half, who is likely to follow in his father's footsteps soon, and gain his international cap, while Chelsea are trying to get Robert M'Dermid, Glasgow Rangers' "star" inside forward, to strengthen their front line. In this case, however, the transfer fee will be a very stiff one, as the Londoners will have to settle with the Queen of the South, a Dumfries club, as well as with the Rangers. M'Dermid's transfer is held by the Scottish League leaders, but he is still a duly registered player for Queen of the South, with the S.F.A.

### Seventeen Holes in One Each!

Sandy Herd's record for holing his tee-shots is one that is likely to stand for many a year, if not for all time. A "fluke" of this sort is possible to any golfer, but it is not likely to come off more than once or twice in the ordinary player's life-time. Herd on Wednesday accomplished the feat for the seventeenth time at the 17th hole (147yds.) on the Coombe Hill course, Kingston-on-Thames, and he has now done 13 holes on the course in one each, his other "one's" having been done at Portrush, Islay, Ganton, and Huddersfield. His nearest rivals in this respect, so far as is known, are James Braid, with 11 holes in one each, and J. S. Matteson, an Irish amateur, and J. H. Taylor, who was once rejected for the Army on the ground of defective eyesight, with eight each. How extraordinary Herd's record is can be judged from the fact that the great Harry Vardon, who has won six world's championships, has only once holed his tee shot.

There was once an amateur, an old retired colonel, I believe, who claimed to have holed out about 20 holes in one each, but as he was in the habit of giving his caddie, in addition to the usual bottle of whisky, a sovereign each time he accomplished the feat, it is more than probable that his ball was "assisted" into the hole on most occasions. At any rate, his "record" is not recognised officially. Herd has been promised, by an American friend, a putter made of solid gold when he gets his twentieth hole in one, but it is not likely, even now, that he will ever be able to claim it.

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The British bowlers are still meeting with defeats in South Africa, but they are under the handicap of playing on greens not cut so well as those they are used to at home, with the result that their lighter bowls are often deflected from their true course by tufts of grass that have no effect on the bowls used by the South Africans. Then, again, many of the British team are old men, and the travelling is probably more than they can stand. We need new and young blood in bowling, as we do in almost every sport at present, if we are to regain our one-time supremacy as an athletic nation.

### ROLLER SKATING.

The International 1½ mile roller skating relay race at Holland Park Rink, London, resulted in a one-lap victory for England: T. J. Wilson (half-mile and one mile Southern Counties champion and five miles champion of Great Britain), G. Larwill (one mile champion of Great Britain and holder of all British records from 6 to 15 miles, also holder of one hour record of 19 miles 367 yards) and F. B. Knowles (N.S.A. gold medallist). Belgium was second and France third. The winner's time was [illegible]. Roumania, who had won the international race in Paris, had entered, but the team were unable to cross to England owing to passport difficulties.

### DUKE OF YORK AND BOXING.

The Duke of York has had a ticket reserved for him for the British Legion's first boxing show at the Holborn Stadium, London, on Thursday next, at which [illegible] Pickard, the "George Robey of the Ring," will box a three-round comedy contest with [illegible], the ex-heavyweight champion.

### CENTENARY OF RUGBY.

Paris, Saturday.—In connection with the fact that the game of Rugby football was first played at Rugby School in 1823, it is proposed to celebrate the centenary in some adequate manner in France.—Reuter.

## LEAGUE RESULTS IN BRIEF.

### LAST ENGLISH RUGBY TRIAL.

**FIRST LEAGUE.**

Liverpool, 1; Chelsea, 0.
Newcastle, 1; Notts Forest, 0.
Huddersfield, 1; Everton, 0.
'Spurs, 2; Middlesborough, 0.
Sunderland, 2; Birmingham, 1.
Preston, 3; Villa, 2.
Sheffield United, 4; Burnley, 1.
Manchester City, 3; Oldham, 0.
Cardiff City, 1; Bolton, 0.
West Bromwich, 3; Blackburn, 0.
Stoke, 1; Arsenal, 0.

**SECOND LEAGUE.**

West Ham, 1; Coventry City, 0.
Palace, 2; Bradford City, 0.
Derby County, 2; Notts County, 1.
South Shields, 1; Wolves, 1.
Manchester United, 3; Hull City, 2.
Fulham, 1; Southampton, 1.
Rotherham County, 0; Orient, 0.
Blackpool, 3; Wednesday, 2.
Leeds United, 2; Port Vale, 1.
Stockport, 1; Bury, 0.
Leicester City, 2; Barnsley, 2.

**THIRD LEAGUE (Southern).**

Southend, 1; Merthyr, 1.
Portsmouth, 1; Queen's Park Rangers, 1.
Brighton, 1; Northampton, 0.
Watford, 2; Charlton, 2.
Exeter City, 4; Reading, 0.
Newport County, 2; Swindon, 2.
Millwall, 0; Luton, 0.
Swansea, 1; Aberdare, 0.
Brentford, 2; Plymouth, 0.
Bristol City, 2; Gillingham, 1.
Norwich, 0; Bristol Rovers, 0.

**THIRD LEAGUE (Northern).**

Ashington, 2; Rochdale, 0.
Hartlepools United, 5; Nelson, 1.
Lincoln City, 3; Barrow, 1.
Bradford, 2; Grimsby Town, 1.
Darlington, 1; Stalybridge, 0.
Halifax Town, 0; Accrington, 0.
Walsall, 3; Wigan Borough, 1.
Durham City, 1; Chesterfield, 1.
Crewe Alexandra, 2; Tranmere Rovers, 1.
Southport, 1; Wrexham, 0.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE.**

Albion Rovers, 3; Clyde, 0.
Celtic, 1; Aberdeen, 2.
Falkirk, 0; Ayr United, 0.
Hamilton Academicals, 6; Partick Thistle, 1.
Hearts, 2; Third Lanark, 0.
Kilmarnock, 2; Dundee, 0.
Greenock Morton, 3; Airdrieonians, 1.
Raith Rovers, 1; Alloa Athletic, 0.
Glasgow Rangers, 2; Motherwell, 1.
St. Mirren, 2; Hibernians, 1.

**AMATEUR TRIAL MATCH.**

North, 3; South, 7.

The Northern Union match between York and Hull Kingston Rovers yesterday was postponed owing to the state of the ground.

## STOP PRESS.

**FOOTBALL RESULTS.**

SCOTTISH TRIAL.—Scotland 18; Rest 3.

INTERNATIONAL TRIAL.—England 39; The Rest [illegible]

**NORTHERN UNION LEAGUE.**

Featherstone R. [illegible]; Swinton, [illegible]
Halifax, 17; Bradford Northern, [illegible]
Hull, 15; Huddersfield, 13.
Hunslet, 1[illegible]; Batley, 0.
Keighley, 10; Widnes, [illegible]
Leigh, 5; Oldham, [illegible]
Rochdale Hornets, [illegible]; Wigan, 4.
Salford, 13; Bramley, [illegible]
St. Helens, 5; Barrow, [illegible]
Wakefield T., 1[illegible]; Broughton R. 11.
Warrington, [illegible]; Leeds, [illegible]
Wigan Highfield, [illegible]; St. Helens Recs [illegible]
Ferreat[illegible]
York v. Hull Kingston Rovers, postponed owing to state of ground.

## RUGBY TRIAL.

### TWO DROPPED GOALS IN THE FIRST SIX MINUTES.

There were two changes in the Rest team which met England in the last Rugby trial game yesterday, T. Lawton (Oxford University) and T. Millington (Gloucester) taking the places of H. V. L. Day (Leicester) and S. G. U. Considine (Bath) at centre three-quarter and stand-off half respectively.

England, who kicked off, were eight points up after six minutes' play, first W. J. A. Davies, and then Myers dropping goals. England continued to have all the play, but lost Harris, who was carried off the field injured after being tackled by Hamilton Wickes. Smallwood took his place, Rayner coming out for the Rest.

Lowe next scored a typical try after a run half the length of the field, which Kershaw converted, and he followed this with another from a reverse pass by Kershaw. Conway failed to convert. Gilbert hit the cross-bar in a fine attempt to drop a goal from a penalty kick, and at half-time the score was England, 3 goals (2 dropped), 1 try—16 points; Rest, nil.

Then the Rest improved and V. Davies scored a good try for them, which Lawton converted, and then Cohen, who was playing a strong game, scored in the corner, after a run by Millington and V. Davies. At half-time the score was:—England, 3 goals (2 dropped), 1 try (16 points); The Rest, 1 goal 1 try (8 points).

In the second half England again reasserted themselves, scoring tries by Myers, Voyce and Smallwood, all of which were converted. These tries were all the result of some fine work in the open, in which the forwards participated. Then Wakefield scored another try which was converted and Price also went over, the goal points not being added on this occasion. Result:

England, 7 goals (2 dropped), 2 tries (39 points).

The Rest, 1 goal, 1 try, 8 points.

Poor tackling by the Rest was mainly responsible for their heavy defeat. The English centres were not convincing, but the wings were very good.

ENGLAND: F. Gilbert (Devonport Services); C. N. Lowe (Blackheath), E. Myers (Bradford), L. J. Corbett (Bristol) and S. W. Harris (Blackheath); W. J. A. Davies and C. A. Kershaw (United Services); G. S. Conway (Manchester), R. Cove-Smith (Old Merchant Taylors), W. C. T. Eyres, E. R. Gardner and W. G. E. Luddington (Devonport Services), H. L. Price (Leicester), A. T. Voyce (Gloucester) and W. W. Wakefield (Cambridge University).

THE REST: B. K. Mellish (Old Merchant Taylors); R. H. Hamilton-Wickes (Cambridge University), V. G. Davies (Harlequins), T. Lawton (Oxford University), A. M. Smallwood (Leicester); T. Millington (Gloucester), A. T. Young (Cambridge University); R. Armstrong (Northumberland), R. Edwards (Newport), A. S. Cohen (Cambridge University), J. E. Maxwell Hyslop (Oxford University), H. G. Periton (Lancashire), A. Robson (Northumberland), J. Sanders (Plymouth Albion), J. S. Tucker (Bristol).

### BOXING FOR CHARITY.

"R" Division Metropolitan Police are holding a boxing tournament in aid of St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, on Jan. 31. The programme includes a competition at 9st. 6lbs., open to amateur boxers employed on any railway in the United Kingdom, and another at [illegible] for members of the City and Metropolitan Police Athletic clubs.

### M.C.C. IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Bloemfontein (Orange Free State), Saturday.—For the two-day match against the M.C.C. team, which begins here next Tuesday, the following 13 players have been selected to represent [illegible]: De Villiers, Burke, [illegible], Watson, Butler, Wille, Dickson, [illegible], [illegible], Steel, Withers, Baxter, [illegible] and [illegible].—Reuter's Special.

Alfred Robinson, the Blackburn Rovers' custodian, has been transferred.

Reece and Falkiner, who are drawn together in the first round of the Professional Billiards Championship, have arranged to play their heat of 16,000 up at the Picton Hall, Liverpool.

## HURST PARK AND HAYDOCK.

### YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.

### Hurst Park.

**1.0—Novices' 'Chase.—2m.**

MERRY HORN (Lord H Nevill), 5-11-12 ...... A Escott 1
LUKEWARM (Capt S Bibby), a-12-0 Mr H A Brown 2
ST. GEORGE (Mr G Parrish), 6-12-4 ........ Wall 3
Off 1.1. Trained by Whitaker.

Also ran: Eden Nook (H Wallington), Rifleman (F Brookes), Bright Prospect (F Fish). Betting: 4-7 Lukewarm, 5-1 Bright Prospect, 6-1 MERRY HORN, 10-1 others. Won by a neck; 3 lengths 2nd and 3rd.

**1.30—Wolsey (S) Hurdle.—2m.**

GRACEFUL MOVER (Mr W H Allden), 10-7 F Allden 1
DARK VIXEN (Mr I M Vernon), 10-7 ...... W Smyth 2
LEONOTIS (Mr J B Thornton), 10-7 ........ H East 3
Off 1.30. Trained by F Allden.

Also ran: Khoosh (Bennison), Sonoma (V Piggott), Octabella's Pride (Capt Bennet), Redshank (Gregson), Menoe (L Hall), Lomond Boy (I Morgan), Shustoke (Trudgill), Artemesia (Humphries), Bachelor's Gamble (Lefebve), North and South (A Escott). Betting: 13-8 Dark Vixen, 7-2 Lomond Boy, 6-1 Octabella's Pride, 8-1 GRACEFUL MOVER, Leonotis, 100-7 others. Won by 1½ length; 3 2nd and 3rd.

**2.0—Mitre Hdp. 'Chase.—3m.**

KEEP COOL (Mr W H Midwood), a-11-2 .... A Escott 1
SQUARE DANCE (Mr H M Curtis), a-12-1 .... L Rees 2
HARD NAIL (Lord Denman), a-10-10 .... Pitton 3
Off 2.3. Trained by Whitaker.

Also ran: My Rath (D Dick), Greenogue (Tighe). Betting: 5-4 KEEP COOL, 7-4 Square Dance, 7-1 Hard Nail, 8-1 Greenogue, 100-8 My Rath. Won by a length; 2 2nd and 3rd.

**2.30—Richmond Maiden Hurdle.—2m.**

HIGH FORCE (Lord Rosebery), 4-10-12 .... F B Rees 1
SANGOT (Lord Lascelles), 5-11-0 .......... G Duller 2
BUCKSIE (Mr D J Cogan), 5-11-0 .......... J Hogan 3
Off 2.32. Trained by W Nightingall.

Also ran: Prince Herod (Capt Bennet), Twickenham (W Smyth), Marcia (Aorean), Highlander (L Butchers), Renula (Pitton), Irish Eagle (L Rees), Dry Toast (E Lane), Silvanus (Rearden), Hong Kong (D Dick). Betting: 9-13 Prince Herod, 5-1 HIGH FORCE, 6-1 Sangot, 10-1 Twickenham, 100-6 others. Won by 2 lengths; 10 2nd and 3rd.

**3.0—Norbiton Hdp. 'Chase.—2m.**

HENRY II. (Sir A Bowen), a-11-0 ............ A Escott 1
GEM (Mr G Skipper), a-10-7 .................. J Burns 2
CARROLSTOWN (Mr J McDonnell), a-10-12 Mr Chapman 3
Off 3.3. Trained by F Hunt.

Also ran: Dudley (C Kelly), Kincraig (D Dick), What Luck (F Brookes), Lord Bunny (L'Estrange). Betting: Evens HENRY II., 4-1 Gem, 7-1 Lord Bunny, 8-1 Kincraig, 10-1 Carrolstown, 100-8 others. Won by ½ length; 2 2nd and 3rd. Objection for bumping and boring overruled.

**3.30—Mortlake Hdp. Hurdle.—2m.**

TOMAHAWK (Mr H Wall), 5-11-0 ............ G Duller 1
TUSCAN (Mr J Dugdale), 5-10-13 .......... A Escott 2
LLANGARREN (Mr F Shaw), a-10-11 J Hogan, jun 3
Off 3.31. Trained by W Nightingall.

Also ran: Contractor (J L'Estrange), Mythical (I Anthony), Aubretia (J Anthony), Charles Surface (Robson), Charley's Uncle (F Rees), Invitation (D Dick). Betting: 10-11 TOMAHAWK, 4-1 Aubretia, 6-1 Tuscan, 8-1 Charles Surface, 100-8 others. Won by a head; 1½ length 2nd and 3rd.

### Haydock Park.

**1.0—Birchfield Hurdle.—2m.**

KING DAVID (Mr T Laidlaw), 11-0 .... F Wootton 1
PHANTOM CHARLEY (Sir R M Liddell), 11-0 Wandby 2
ROSSIENY (Mr H Tait), 11-0 ........ W Hamilton 3
Off 1.1. Trained by Coulthwaite.

Also ran: Stellation (J Mason), Lado (Burns), Roi du Ciel (Threlfall), Mygiye (J Goswell), His Excellency (G Goswell), Hereford Lad (L Jones). Betting: 1-2 KING DAVID, 9-2 Roi du Ciel, 8-1 Stellation, Phantom Charley, 100-8 others. Won by 3 lengths; 6 2nd and 3rd.

**1.30—St. Helens (S) Hdp. 'Chase.—3m.**

CUPID'S DART (Mr E McGregor), a-11-6 .... H Smith 1
GAY DAMSEL (Mr F Green), a-10-0 ........ F Cooney 2
PRIDE OF MANISTER (Mr G P Sanday), a-12-7 F Mason 3
Off 1.32. Trained Privately.

Also ran: Irish Dragoon (F Smith), Upton Lad (J Mason), Lobidly (J Mahoney, sen). Betting: 4-5 Pride of Manister, 4-1 Gay Damsel, 6-1 Lobidly, 8-1 CUPID'S DART, 100-8 others. Won by 4 lengths; 5 2nd and 3rd.

**2.0—Earlstown Hdp. Hurdle.—2m.**

BAMDA (Mr W Brown), a-11-2 .......... Wandby 1
SOME DANCER (Mr G Bernard), a-11-2 W Hammond 2
STORMFRUIT (Mr C P Kenyon), 5-10-10 M Dillon 3
Off 2.1. Trained by O Coulthwaite.

Also ran: Galtee Boy (H Walsh). Betting: 11-10 BAMDA, 5-2 Stormfruit, 7-2 Some Dancer, 10-1 Galtee Boy. Won by 10 lengths; bad 3rd.

**2.30—January Hdp. 'Chase.—2m.**

FLY MASK (Mr T K Laidlaw), a-10-0 J Mahoney, sen 1
HAIRPIN II. (Mr G P Sanday), a-12-5 .... G Goswell 2
Off 2.30. Trained by Coulthwaite.

Also ran: Ennon (T Leader). Betting: 8-13 Hairpin II., 7-4 Ennon, 20-1 FLY MASK. Won by 3 lengths.

**3.0—Station (S) Hdp. Hurdle.—2m.**

DART UP (Mr T Bolton), a-10-11 J Mahoney, sen 1
MORE RAIN (Mr S Rose), a-11-7 .......... Wandby 2
CAMBRIDGE PRINCE (Mr J Owen), 5-10-6 T Leader 3
Off 3.1. Trained by Bosterill.

Also ran: Mockinese (H Dawes), Poise (Threlfall), Medora (Mr P Dennis), Corsa (Watkinson), Fortune (E Foster), Pickering (Mr Prosser), The Corsican (Willmott), Mandrake (F Saunders), Black and Tan (J Mason), Emancipation (W Stott), King's Double (W Hamilton). Betting: 9-4 Emancipation, 7-2 More Rain, 6-1 Poise, DART UP, 10-1 Fortune, Cambridge Prince, 100-8 others. Won by 1 length, same 2nd and 3rd.

**3.25—White Lodge 'Chase.—2m.**

DRUMREE (Mr G P Sanday), a-12-7 ...... G Goswell 1
PRESUMPTIOUS (Mr G Clancy), 5-11-3 J Mahoney, sen 2
RIGGLEY (Mr J C Paterson), a-11-7 ...... A Wall 3
Off 3.26. Trained by Owner.

Also ran: Pampage (J Clancy), Sampa's Moon (A Morris), Beckers (A Reader). Betting: 2-5 DRUMREE, 9-2 Presumptious, 9-1 Sampa's Moon, 20-1 others. Won by 6 lengths; bad 3rd.

## THE WEEK'S CARDS.

It is not a very exciting week's racing ahead, with a two days' break in the middle of it, for Tenby on Wednesday and Thursday is of purely local interest and will not attract many of the usual Southern element. But Tenby is the home of the Anthonys and the brothers Rees, whilst David Harrison turns out a number of winners from this outlandish Pembrokeshire centre; so that altogether this somewhat isolated Tenby is a very sporting locality.

To-morrow sees us once again at the Bromford Bridge course, when I have no doubt there will be a sufficiency of runners, even if the racing is of no great class. A general tip here is to follow the fortunes of the Hon. Aubrey Hastings' stable in the steeplechases. There are two or three engaged in most of them, so it is a trifle difficult to particularise, but those on the spot will see for themselves which run, whilst Hastings' selected will do for the stay-at-homes.

Probably BARNAWEK will be one of Hastings' winners in the Handicap Steeplechase, whilst TEDNEY* is very much expected for the Staffordshire Hurdle. In the Four-year-old Hurdle WHITE SATIN will probably show us what he is capable of over the sticks, whilst [illegible]

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in the Packington Steeplechase stands out the best thing of the day.

On Tuesday, if brought out, POISE on his best form must hold a decided chance for the Novices' Hurdle, whilst my remark concerning

**HASTINGS' SELECTED****

applies to the Highland Steeplechase. ALDEREY* did not set the Thames on fire when making his debut at Derby, but is quite likely to improve upon that display in the Maiden Hurdle. Then it is HASTINGS' selected again for the [illegible] Steeplechase.

The best thing of the two days at Tenby is, I think,

**MARTES****

whilst MR. MADCAP and LITTLE MILFORD are likely to take the races assigned to them.

As far as the south is concerned, Lingfield on Friday and Saturday has the field to itself. On the opening afternoon, if pulled out, MEMENTO* is good business for the Newchapel Steeplechase, whilst, of course, the stable will have another winner in

**KING PIPPIN****

in the Blindley Heath Hurdle at his mercy. Then, on what I saw at Gatwick, I would expect BALLINODE to take the Howard Amateur Steeplechase.

# HOW ENGLAND'S ELEVEN WON.

## THRILLING FINISH TO TEST MATCH AT CAPETOWN.

After one of the most memorable finishes ever seen, England won the second test match against South Africa, at Capetown, by one wicket, the scores being: South Africa, 113 and 242; England, 183 and 173 for nine wickets.

For South Africa R. Catterall made 76, and H. W. Taylor 68 in the second innings, while during the match W. Hall took 11 wickets for 112 runs (4 for 49 and 7 for 63), Blanckenberg securing 5 for 61 in England's first innings, but only one for 56 in their second.

In England's second innings F. T. Mann (45), and V. W. C. Jupp (38), made a stand that had the deciding influence on the result of the match. The best bowling was by Fender (4 for 29) in South Africa's first innings, while Kennedy took 4 wickets for 58, and Macaulay 5 for 64 in the second.

This is England's first win in a test match since 1914, nine games having been lost and two drawn in the interval. South Africa won the first of the present series, at Johannesburg, by 168 runs. The next will commence at Durban on Jan. 18.

From Reuter's description of the game at Capetown it is easy to realise how exciting it was and to condone the slips made by the S. Africans in the field in the closing stages.

England started the match well on New Year's Day by getting South Africa out cheaply, the wind greatly helping the bowlers. Fender showed great judgment in making use of this. At the close of play we were in, apparently, a winning position, being 15 runs on with six wickets to fall. But then came another of our batting collapses, and when stumps were drawn on Tuesday South Africa, thanks to Catterall and Taylor, were 64 runs on with 9 wickets to fall.

The English bowling and fielding was good the next day, and South Africa were dismissed for 242, leaving us 173 to get to win, of which number 86 had been scored for 6 wickets before the final day's play was entered upon, the match then being in a perfectly even position, as we required 87 runs for victory with 4 wickets to fall.

### These Fatal Slips.

F. T. Mann's team has not the "tail" that some of our recent test elevens have had, but it was recognised that anything might happen, and the opinion in England generally on Wednesday night was that there was another defeat in store for us.

This opinion would probably have been borne out by the result, under normal circumstances, but by Thursday the South Africans had begun to feel the strain of the match badly, and this was reflected in their fielding. Mann and Jupp were both missed early on, by H. W. Taylor and W. Brann respectively, and the score steadily mounted, being helped by two great hits for 6 by the English captain, one off Blanckenberg and the other off Nupen.

With 150 on the board and 4 wickets to fall, England seemed well assured of victory, but another dramatic change in the fortunes of the game soon came about. Jupp was stumped at 154 for an invaluable 38, and Kennedy had two escapes before he scored, though in each case the chance he gave was a very difficult one. Only six runs were needed when Mann's masterly display was ended by a catch in the slips—eight wickets for 167—and then H. W. Taylor made some amends for missing Mann by running out Brown with a beautiful return after one run had been added, and Macaulay, the last man, came in with five runs still to be got.

The Yorkshireman saw Kennedy make the game a tie with a 4, and then made the winning hit for one himself. As he had bowled the first ball of the match, with which he took a wicket, he thus had a notable share in a memorable victory.

The spectators were very impartial in their applause throughout, Mann, Jupp, Kennedy and Macaulay being heartily cheered, while Hall, whose fine bowling nearly gained a victory for South Africa, was carried shoulder high off the field. Full score:—

**SOUTH AFRICA.**

| First Innings. | | Second Innings. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| G. Hearne c Fender b Macaulay | 0 | b Kennedy | 0 |
| R. Catterall c Brown b Fender | 19 | b Macaulay | 76 |
| H. W. Taylor b Fender | 5 | c Jupp b Macaulay | 68 |
| A. D. Nourse lbw b Fender | 16 | b Fender | 19 |
| V. Ling c Mann b Fender | 13 | c Fender b Macaulay | 2 |
| W. Brann b Kennedy | 0 | lbw b Macaulay | 4 |
| J. M. Blanckenberg c Carr b Jupp | 9 | b Kennedy | 5 |
| A. J. Francois run out | 28 | c and b Macaulay | 1 |
| T. A. Ward b Jupp | 4 | not out | 15 |
| E. P. Nupen c and b Macaulay | 2 | b Kennedy | 8 |
| A. E. Hall not out | 0 | b Kennedy | 5 |
| Extras | 22 | Extras | 2 |
| Total | 113 | Total | 242 |

**ENGLAND.**

| First Innings. | | Second Innings. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Russell c Catterall b Hall | 39 | lbw b Blanckenberg | 8 |
| Sandham c Francois b Blanckenberg | 19 | lbw b Hall | 17 |
| Woolley c Francois b Hall | 0 | b Hall | 5 |
| Mead c Francois b Blanckenberg | 21 | lbw b Hall | 31 |
| A. W. Carr c Ward b Hall | 42 | c Brann b Hall | 6 |
| F. T. Mann lbw b Blanckenberg | 4 | c Blanckenberg b Hall | 45 |
| P. G. H. Fender c Hearne b Hall | 6 | c Nourse b Hall | 2 |
| V. W. C. Jupp c Hearne b Nupen | 12 | st Ward b Hall | 38 |
| Kennedy c Hearne b Blanckenberg | 2 | not out | 11 |
| Brown not out | 16 | run out | 0 |
| Macaulay b Blanckenberg | 10 | not out | 1 |
| Extras | 12 | Extras | 9 |
| Total | 183 | Total (for 9) | 173 |

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

SOUTH AFRICA.—First Innings: Kennedy, 1 for 24; Macaulay, 2 for 19; Fender, 4 for 29; Woolley, 0 for 1; Jupp, 2 for 19.

Second Innings: Kennedy, 4 for 58; Macaulay, 5 for 64; Fender, 1 for 52; Woolley, 0 for 22; Jupp, 0 for 25.

ENGLAND.—First Innings: Nupen, 1 for 46; Blanckenberg, 5 for 61; Francois, 0 for 13; Hall, 4 for 49.—Reuter Special.

Second Innings: Nupen, 0 for 41; Hall, 7 for 63; Blanckenberg, 1 for 56; Francois, 0 for 4.

**PREVIOUS RESULTS.**

1913.—Durban. England won by an innings and 157 runs.
1913.—Johannesburg. England won by an innings and 12 runs.
1914.—Johannesburg. England won by 91 runs.
1914.—Durban. Match drawn.
1914.—Port Elizabeth. England won by 10 wickets.
1922.—Johannesburg. South Africa won by 168 runs.

**NATAL v. M.C.C.**

The Natal side to meet the M.C.C. at Pietermaritzburg on Jan. 12 has been chosen as follows:—H. W. Taylor (capt.), A. D. Nourse, H. Deane, L. Field, Pearse, Billing, D. Conyngham, C. Carter, S. Samuelson, I. Seidle, and D. Ni[illegible] says Reuter.

**MACLAREN'S SUCCESS.**

Thanks mainly to a great innings of 200, not out, by A. C. MacLaren, who supplemented this by making five fine catches in the slips and some good bowling by Gibson and Freeman, the M.C.C. defeated New Zealand in the first test match by an innings and 156 runs.

## SPORTING NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

William H. Horne, the British professional who was formerly attached to the Royal Guernsey, Beckenham, and Chertsey Clubs, has been appointed professional to the Rye Country Club at Westchester, less than 20 miles from New York. It is on record that at a tournament at North Berwick in 1909 Horne drove 338 yards, and a certificate was issued by the town clerk of the burgh.

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Apparently the thief who broke into the house of Mr. H. J. Barclay, the A.A.A. secretary, had a spice of sportsmanship in his makeup, for although he lifted jewellery valued at £50, he left untouched all Mr. Barclay's running and cycling trophies.

**Transferred Players.**

West Ham and Newport have been exchanging players, Crossley going to Wales and W. P. Edwards coming to Upton Park. Edwards, who can play either inside or outside right, is a sturdily built player of about 25. Last season he made 40 appearances in Newport's League team, scoring 10 goals.

William Felton, Grimsby's brilliant boy full back, has been transferred to The Wednesday at a four-figure fee. Felton, who is only 20, played for Wardley Colliery and Jarrow, before Grimsby Town, forestalling Aston Villa, secured him at the time the Villa signed his partner, Ball.

Newport County have signed on Charlton as outside right. He is an ex-schoolboy international, and has played for South Shields this season, and has been playing for West Ham, where he has gained a useful preparation. The County has transferred W. Edwards to West Ham in exchange.

Sunderland have secured the signature of J. McMillan, of Dumbarton Harp, an outside left, who showed fine form this week when playing for the Scottish Junior League.

**Record-Breakers.**

Pontypool XV. are acquiring a name as record breakers. Last season they took six ground records; this season to date they have captured five—Bridgend, Blaenavon, Aberavon, Abertillery, and Bristol, and have suffered only one defeat themselves—at Ebbw Vale.

Mr. R. H. Ladell, who has died at Lowestoft at the age of 76, collapsing while playing Badminton, played Rugby football for Middlesex, Richmond and East Sheen in the 'seventies and did much in his later years to revive "rugger" in East Anglia.

Bob Crompton, the famous old Blackburn Rover and England captain, now owns a thriving motor business in Blackburn, and is a director of his old club.

Ian Dickson, Aston Villa's clever and youthful centre-forward, is said to be anxious to return to Scotland, and it is understood that the Villa are willing to let him go.

**Miners and Football.**

For a long time there has been an agitation in Wales for an early finishing day in the mines on Saturdays in order to allow the men to attend football matches. At Ebbw Vale an agreement has been reached whereby the colliers will work an extra hour on Thursdays in order to finish at one o'clock—instead of two o'clock—on Saturdays. It is believed that this will prove to be the first step in a South Wales movement to bring about the desired result.

Coming at a time when the Arsenal are doing so well, it is interesting to hear that Jock Rutherford, their famous international outside-right, has recently been presented with a son. Rutherford's other boy, who has ambitions of rivalling his father as a footballer, is now 15 years of age.

The ice hockey match between the Cambridge team and St. Moritz (Switzerland) resulted in a draw, the score being two goals all.

**Dundee After English Back.**

Rodgerson, the Leeds United and formerly Huddersfield Town back, is negotiating with Dundee, who will sign him on if satisfactory terms can be arranged. He is on the transfer list at £250.

The death took place last Monday at Swansea of Mr. William Bevan, vice-chairman of the Welsh Schools Football Association and hon. treasurer of Swansea Schools' League. Mr. Bevan was well known in Welsh Rugby circles.

A romance which began on the football field has culminated in the marriage of Len Davies, Cardiff City's centre-forward, to Miss Gwendoline Atwood, a clerk in the Chamber of Commerce office and one of the club's most enthusiastic women supporters. There was a crowded congregation at the wedding service.

Mr. Charles Gurdon, who has been appo county court judge (Plymouth and Cornw Circuit), gained Blues at Cambridge for row and Rugby football, and played football England. He is the present chairman of Amateur Rowing Association.

Northampton Town's gate against Plym on Boxing Day of £1,085 is easily a Leag ford for the county ground, the previou being £797.

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The death has occurred in the Isle of W Workhouse Infirmary at the age of 81 of Cap Richard Rood, of Cowes, formerly a well-kn yachtmaster. He navigated the famous schoo Cambria in a race across the Atlantic 52 year ago, and afterwards competed against American schooner Magic for the America

The funeral took place at Ealing of H Annis, the well-known trail layer of the G.W Harriers. He died at the age of 37 years pneumonia.

The draw for the semi-finals of the Oxf shire Junior Shield is:—Oxford and Bucks Depot v. Morris Motors, Eynsham v. Ox Railway Sports Club or Banbury Factory be played on Jan. 20.

Walter J. Clark, the well-known Carn golfer, has been appointed professional Kilhara Club, Australia. Recently he has assistant to his brother, the thrice Aus open champion, at the Royal Sydney Walter, only a few weeks ago, won the lian medal.

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D. Steele, the Huddersfield Town rig has been suspended for a month because leged misconduct in the Chelsea match at road.

Alloa, in their search for a centre-for have landed on an Ayrshire junior, And of Stewarton Thistle.

A sensation was caused in the Potter the announcement that Stott, the goalk and Kasher, the centre half-back of the club, have been suspended for absenting selves without leave whilst at Sunderland players formerly played for the Roker club.

Mr. William Charles M'Intyre, the newly pointed secretary to the Manchester A Club, has had an unusually interesting career. He only recently retired from Forces, after 27 years' service, with the of lieutenant.

The "Golf Monthly" announces that the most-talked-of British amateur golf the day, Captain Carter and Willie Hunter shortly adopt professionalism and take pointments in the United States.

It is officially announced that the seco nual Scottish Amateur championship unde auspices of the Scottish Golf Union will place over the course of the Troon club shire, in the week beginning July 23.

News has reached this country that Mi lyn Rogers, the well-known Burnham set) golf player, has sustained a broken leg ski-ing at Wengen, Switzerland.

A new series is to be instituted this the Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs, and consist of county inter-club tourname commenced early in March. Each of clubs in the county will be invited to ent

**Former Manchester City Goalie for Grimsby.**

Grimsby Town have signed on Walter the old Manchester City custodian.

Kent beat the Army of the Rhine rugby by 23 points to 6, at Blackheath.

Keeping up the remarkably brilliant for has shown throughout the competition Milford (Rugby) (scratch) defeated K Daubeny (Cheltenham) (rec. 6) in the P Schools Rackets Handicap final, at Que Club, London, after an excellent match 16—13, 17—16, 7—15, 15—2. Milford is doubtedly one of the most brilliant ra players seen at Queen's for several years.

Quinn, the Preston outside left, who has kept out of the first team owing to the fine of Quantrill, has been transferred to B Quinn is 25 years old, and weighs 11 stone.

M'Bride, from Dumbarton, is on trial Derby County Reserves.

W. Kettleborough, the Aberaman right has been transferred to Birmingham.

Tom Parker, of Swansea, who capta Wales last season, is not included in team for the final Welsh Rugby Union t match at Newport next Thursday.

## F.A. AND SCOTTISH CUP FORECASTS

**F.A. CUP. First Round.**

Aberdare Athletic v PRESTON NORTH END
ASTON VILLA v Blackburn Rovers
Blyth Spartans v STOKE
Bradford City v MANCHESTER UNITED
BRIGHTON & HOVE v Corinthians
BRISTOL CITY v Wrexham
BURY v Luton Town
CARDIFF CITY v Watford
CHELSEA v Rotherham County
Clapton Orient v MILLWALL
Derby County v Blackpool
EVERTON v Bradford
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v Birmingham
Hull City v West Ham United
LEICESTER CITY v Fulham
LIVERPOOL v Arsenal
MANCHESTER CITY v Charlton Athletic
Merthyr Town v Wolverhampton Wanderers
NEWCASTLE UNITED v Southampton
Norwich City v BOLTON WANDERERS
Nottingham Forest v SHEFFIELD UNITED
Oldham Athletic v MIDDLESBROUGH
Portsmouth v Leeds United
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v Notts County
QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS v Crystal Palace
SOUTH SHIELDS v Halifax Town
SUNDERLAND v Burnley
Swindon Town v BARNSLEY
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v Worksop Town
WEDNESDAY v New Brighton
WEST BROMWICH ALBION v Stalybridge Celtic
Wigan Borough v Bath City.

**SCOTTISH CUP. First Round.**

ABERDEEN v Forfar
AIRDRIEONIANS v [illegible]
Alloa v Queen's Park
Arbroath Athletic v AYR UNITED
[illegible] v EAST FIFE
BO'NESS v Clachnacuddin
[illegible] v FALKIRK
Clackmannan v HIBERNIANS
[illegible] v GLASGOW RANGERS
[illegible] v [illegible]
DUMBARTON v Dunfermline
DUNDEE HIBERNIANS v [illegible]
East Stirling v Bathgate
[illegible] v ST. MIRREN
Galston v STENHOUSEMUIR
HAMILTON ACADEMICALS v [illegible]
HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN v [illegible]
Hurlford v Fraserburgh
JOHNSTONE v Armadale
KILMARNOCK v [illegible]
Lochgelly v CELTIC
[illegible] v [illegible]
Nithsdale v ARBROATH
PARTICK v Third Lanark
Peterhead v Vale of Leithen
Queen of the South v [illegible]
Raith Rovers v GREENOCK MORTON
St. Andrews v COWDENBEATH
ST. BERNARD'S v Dalbeattie
St. Johnstone v MOTHERWELL
[illegible] v DUNDEE
VALE OF LEVEN v [illegible]

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